

# Gull Wing Key Stakeholder Group Agenda

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021, 09:30 – 10:45 | Virtual



Attendees	Apologies
Peter Aldous MP - Chair Andrew Jarvis - East Suffolk Council Ben Matthews – Suffolk County Council Bryn Griffiths – Suffolk County Council Cllr Alison Cackett - East Suffolk Council Cllr Ben Falat – Oulton Broad Parish Council Cllr Craig Rivett - East Suffolk Council Cllr James Reeder - Suffolk County Council Cllr Matthew Hicks - Suffolk County Council Cllr Norman Brooks - East Suffolk Council Cllr Peter Byatt - East Suffolk Council Jennifer Cushion – Lowestoft and Waveney Chamber of Commerce Kate Ellis – East Suffolk Council Katherine Potts - Suffolk County Council Lewis Boudville – East Suffolk Council Paul Ager – Associated British Ports Richard Perkins – Suffolk Chamber of Commerce Simon Bretherton – Suffolk County Council Warren Hoskins-Davies - East Suffolk Council	Gary Bellward - East Suffolk Council Gary Horton – Associated British Ports Chris Starkie - NALEP Andrew Pearce – Suffolk County Council Tamzen Pope - East Suffolk Council

	Description	Lead
1	<b>Welcome and apologies</b>	Peter Aldous MP
2	<p><b>Political Update</b></p> <p>Government ministers have not yet approached Peter regarding the progress of Gull Wing, but we anticipate this will happen as the project accelerates. Given the recent significant investment in the town, we predict that over the next 2 years Government will want to showcase the projects.</p> <p>In local context, we need to emphasise that the two bridges being built in Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft respectively, are not in competition but will work collaboratively, complimenting each other. This is significant investment in our region to improve transport links. As result, there is a wider local business and social benefit - work is being undertaken in terms of procurement through Meet the Buyer events.</p> <p>Bryn is engaging with MHCLG to discuss how national infrastructure projects can be progressed and delivered more quickly than they do currently – since we secured the funding for the business case in 2015, it has taken us 6 years to get to the point of construction. This would include a review of pre-application, application, pre-examination, and examination periods.</p>	Peter Aldous MP
3	<p><b>Project Progress Update</b></p> <p><b>Progress since last meeting and timetable going forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction started on time in March, with hard work being undertaken by the team to achieve this milestone.</li> <li>Land agreements are progressing well, with access now available to the vast majority of the land required for the project</li> <li>Since start of construction, the focus has been on site clearance. One main piece of</li> </ul>	Bryn Griffiths / Simon Bretherton

clearance are the 4 sheds situated on the former Jeld Wen site, which will allow the creation of the access road to Riverside. The demolition is due to be completed w/c 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

- The northern end of Durban Road is now closed to motorised traffic, and yellow lines have been introduced on Notley Road, and at other junctions in that area to allow for large vehicles to access those streets.
- Monitoring Equipment has now been installed on the UKPN tunnel that passes under Lake Lothing to the East of the bridge location. This will allow UKPN to monitor vibrations and ensure no damage is caused to the electrical network.
- Lings temporary car park has now been completed and is in use.
- The procurement of sub-contractors is underway, with a number already appointed.
- Utility diversions are ongoing, with Anglian Water mobilisation underway and traffic diversions in place

Following the local elections the SCC Leader will be appointed and the appointment of the Cabinet members will be announced at the SCC AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> May. An induction will take place for new councillors next week,, which includes the Gull Wing. The team will also arrange a more comprehensive induction for any councillors that have a particular interest in this project.

#### Timetable

- Network Rail land access was granted in April, and site clearance is underway by Farrans. The land on the south side (Waveney Drive) consists of a property that was purchased for demolition to allow for the roundabout works.
- We will imminently be accessing the ABP land.
- Anglian Water now have their own compound on the site by Riverside as rerouting services need to be undertaken.
- A crushing machine has been brought on site to recycle the concrete to leave us with separated, clean, reusable materials. This will be used for the pile platforms.

Simon showcased some site photos showing progress on each of the sites.

Colin Law Way and Jeld Wen - Peter has received an email from residents of Waveney Drive raising concerns about the untidiness of the area and lack of landscaping.. Simon noted that only the second row of sheds are being demolished and that the demolition and improvements to the remaining sheds is outside our scope of works. It was agreed that further discussion is required to determine how to address the appearance of the remaining sheds and if we can implement mitigation such as planting to the Waveney drive frontage There have been discussions with East Suffolk Council about the remainder of the site, but there is a lot more discussion required before any plans come forward, but this will take some time. Peter will go back to the residents. s

Some Notley Road residents have also raised concerns regarding the yellow lines. The project team advised that this Traffic Regulation Order was consulted on in Autumn 2018 and that they have responded to the letters they have received. No further correspondence has been received following these replies.

Navigation concerns – Cllr Falat wanted to highlight that there are four potential pinch points for navigation, especially with upcoming works at various locations. These include Carlton Swing Bridge, Haven Bridge and Great Yarmouth Bridge. Cllr Falat asked that when there is a need for stoppage to the navigation, if the project team could liaise with other projects.

## Traffic management

We are at the point where the project will have an impact upon the road networks due to the types of work we need to undertake. We are managing this as well as we can to minimise disruption.

However, to note the following traffic management actions have been undertaken:

- Durban Road closed to motorised traffic with diversion signs in place
- Waveney Drive partially closed with traffic lights – closely monitored to ensure traffic does not back up to the existing roundabout.
- Notley Road double yellow lining partly complete awaiting the construction of additional parking spaces
- Letterdrop notices to neighbouring residences – April 6th
- Social Media
- Variable Message Signs on Lowestoft main roads

It was noted that works may cause congestion in peak periods which the project team will need to monitor.

Lewis Boudville advised to let him know if there are high levels of non-compliance that cause obstruction so that ESC can allocate an enforcement resource and is happy to liaise to support the development of parking management proposals. Simon agreed to meet to discuss this further.

## Upcoming works

- Fencing to Lings temporary car park
- Farrans Compound Works
- Install Site Cabins (early June)
- Demolition of Jeld Wen Sheds completion end of May
- Concrete Crushing North and South Side
- Installation of Pile Mats – Pier 2 & 3
- Durban Road closure & yellow lines on Notley Rd by end of May
- Procurement of Structural Steelwork Materials for off-site Fabrication
- Northern Roadworks and Utilities
- Southern Roundabout Roadworks and Utilities
- Demolition of Bella Blue, Durban Road Garages and 42 Waveney Drive

## Local benefits

- Farrans have recruited 9 local people who have joined the site team. These include 3 commercial people, quality manager, stakeholder manager, administration manager, 2 senior engineers and a general foreman.
- Sub-Contractors on site and utilities companies also using local resources
- SCC have recruited 3 local people – 2 Clerks of Works and 1 Construction Manager
- Social and economic issues are considered during all procurement for the scheme and a number of local companies will shortly be appointed.
- Farrans and SCC held a Meet the Buyer event on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 hosted by Suffolk Chamber of Commerce. The event was very successful with delegates from over 300 businesses attending the Zoom meeting. Follow up in the summer.
- Office space being rented by Farrans at Riverside Business Centre in Lowestoft
- Farrans Stakeholder Coordinator started February 2021.
- Gull Wing presentation to Lowestoft Annual Assembly 2 March 2021.
- Gull Wing Ground-breaking Video was released on 22 March 2021.
- Regular meetings are taking place with ABP, Anglian Water, East Suffolk Council and Network

	<p>Rail.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site signs have been delivered and the signs are ready to install by the end of May.</li> </ul> <p>B</p> <p>The project team will invite Farrans to the next meeting for updates on local benefits. Bryn thanked the Chamber for hosting and arranging the meet the buyer event. Simon advised that Farrans are keen to arrange a physical meet the buyer event for the second event. Details of this will be available soon</p> <p>Bryn took over as Chair of meeting, with Peter Aldous, Cllr Reeder, Cllr Brooks and Cllr Falat leaving the meeting.</p>	
4	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project team coordinated closely with Gt Yarmouth on a joint press release –promoting the fact that there are two major investments for the region.</li> <li>Skills and employment plan</li> <li>Newsletter Issued and Distributed on a monthly basis</li> <li>Website gained 6000+ page views in last month - <a href="http://www.gullwingbridge.co.uk">www.gullwingbridge.co.uk</a></li> <li>Social media: Facebook 44k+ reach, 958 followers, Twitter 37k+ impressions, 203 followers</li> <li>Comms Strategy Plan - summary plan agreed</li> </ul> <p>Stake</p>	Katherine Potts
5	<b>Any Other Business</b>	All
	<p><b>Next meeting</b> Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 10:00-12:00</p>	