

Lake Lothing Crossing Key Stakeholders Group Actions – 30th June 2017

Attendees: Peter Aldous MP, Cllr Mark Bee (WDC), Cllr David Ritchie (WDC), Cllr Sonia Barker (WDC), Cllr James Reeder (SCC), Cllr James Finch (SCC), Bryn Griffiths (SCC), Jon Barnard (SCC), Warren Davies (SCC), Richard Musgrove (ABP), Richard Perkins (SCoC), Andy Jarvis (WDC), Carolyn Barnes (WDC), Nigel Allsop (HE), Gary Bellward (WDC)

Apologies: Karl Murphy (DfT), Mike Dowdall (SCC), Hannah Briggs (NR), Paul Brooks (ABP), Cllr Guy McGregor (SCC), Stephen Greenhill (HE), Cllr Michael Ladd (WDC), Samantha Jones (WDC), Katherine Merlo (SCC), Chris Starkie (NALEP), Michael Wilks (SCC)

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| 1. | <p>PA welcomed the group and provided a political update following the recent events in central government. It was noted that whilst there had been a number of ministerial changes, the project remained very important to both Westminster and the DfT.</p> <p>PA confirmed changes to group member titles with Cllr Mark Bee becoming the new leader for Waveney District Council and Cllr James Reeder no longer representing the Lowestoft & Waveney Chamber of Commerce and attends as a Suffolk County Councillor.</p> | |
| | <p>The group agreed that town council representation from Lowestoft and Oulton Broad be invited to future meetings.</p> | GB |
| 2. | <p>JB provided an overview of the project stating that environmental studies are currently underway. The project has been making big steps forward following a number of design lead workshops that looked to improve both usage and connectivity. CABE are reported to be positive about the work to date.</p> <p>JB highlighted the next key steps which include finalising the design work, ground investigations and tendering contracts.</p> <p>It was confirmed that since the last meeting Mouchel have been purchased by WSP Consultants.</p> | |
| 3. | <p>JB updated the group on timeframes confirming the consultation period is due to start in September 2017 ahead of the DCO submission in 2018.</p> <p>The importance of the consultation period was emphasised to the group by underlining the scrutiny given to communications by the planning inspectorate. Stakeholders were encouraged to disseminate information on consultation events as wide as possible.</p> | ALL |
| | <p>SCC confirmed that literature promoting the consultation events will also be circulated to all Councillors to help get the message as wide as possible. The group agreed that details of the reasons why further consultation is occurring to overcome any confusion to its purpose.</p> | SCC |

JB confirmed he will be bringing the consultation displays for the stakeholders to view at the next meeting. Both ground floor meeting rooms will need to be secured.

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4. JB confirmed there are no changes to the risk register as they are phase dependant but would continue to keep the group updated.
5. JB read a statement from Network Rail who were unable to attend the meeting which stated their supportive of the project and communication between both parties is positive. The design criteria for the heights over the railway have now been agreed and investigation into freight opportunities is being undertaken.

JF raised the issue of engaging with Network Rail's scaffolding team to overcome any future potential delays. JB to make contact.

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6. JB confirmed that tendering is due to commence in September for a design and build contract. The group felt that whilst the tender market was strong, big opportunities are available through local supply chain and linked skills initiatives. JB confirmed that these items are being investigated as part of the tendering package.
7. The Economic Regeneration team will circulate future meeting dates to the group.

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