

Gull Wing Key Stakeholder Group
 Friday 12th August 2022, 14:30-16:30 | Hybrid Meeting



Invitees	
<p>In person</p> <p>Peter Aldous MP – Chair Cllr Ben Falat – Oulton Broad Parish Council Cllr Janet Craig – East Suffolk Council (representing Cllr Byatt) Cllr James Reeder - Suffolk County Council Cllr Norman Brooks - East Suffolk Council Kate Ellis – East Suffolk Council Katherine Potts - Suffolk County Council Simon Bretherton – Suffolk County Council Warren Hoskins-Davies - East Suffolk Council Agnes Taylor- work experience with Peter Aldous</p>	<p>Virtual</p> <p>Andrew Jarvis - East Suffolk Council Cllr Craig Rivett - East Suffolk Council Cllr Richard Smith MVO – Suffolk County Council Richard Perkins – Suffolk Chamber of Commerce Jennifer Cushion – Lowestoft and Waveney Chamber of Commerce Julia Bates – East Coast College Lewis Boudville – East Suffolk Council Tom Duit – Associated British Ports Tom Yeldon – Office of Peter Aldous MP</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Peter Byatt - East Suffolk Council Cllr Matthew Hicks - Suffolk County Council Cllr Sonia Barker – Lowestoft Town Council Andrew Cook - Suffolk County Council Gary Horton – Associated British Ports Mark Langford – Suffolk County Council</p>

	Description	Lead
1	Welcome and apologies	Peter Aldous MP
2	<p>Political update</p> <p>Connectivity – upgrades progressing on train and road links in the wider area which will benefit Lowestoft. This includes a Development Consent Order in place for Sizewell C meaning progress for the two villages bypass (A12) and Blofield (A47).</p> <p>Naming strategy – Cllr Brooks has spoken with officers and councillors following last meetings discussion. There is guidance about road naming available on East Suffolk Council’s website: Street naming and numbering procedure » East Suffolk Council. There are no other new roads as part of the project that still require naming. Peter proposed that it is perhaps appropriate that the landscaped area and new footway/cycle route on the northern side of Gull Wing is named in memory of Bob Blizzard MP. Other stakeholders indicated their support for this approach.</p>	Peter Aldous MP
3	<p>Project progress update</p> <p>Summary of works June/July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Approach roundabout works • South Approach Embankment Works • South Abutment and Pier 1 Piling commenced • Control Tower Plant Room Construction under way • Pier 4 Cofferdam Concrete Plug and Dewatering • Pier 5 Piling Works Completed • Pier 6 Pile cap Works Completed • Reinforced Concrete Deck Works to NAV1 • North Approach Embankment Deep Soil Mixing (DSM) 	Simon Bretherton

	<p>South: Riverside Road excavation underway in preparation for the embankment for the southern approach. Canning Road works are now completed and open. Southern roundabout works underway which will see Waveney Drive reopen temporarily from 14th August. Two large underground attenuation tanks need to be installed in the roundabout area, to prevent storm drains flooding in future.</p> <p>At Pier 3 the control tower plant room and support for the bascule are currently being constructed.</p> <p>In the lake, piers 4 and 5 have seen divers welding and reinforcing structures underwater before a concrete plug can be poured and then the cofferdams dewatered.</p> <p>Pier 6, Pier 7, and the Northern abutment are progressing well. The concrete deck pour on NAV1 has been completed. Parapets still need to be placed before NAV1 can be placed over the railway line, which is scheduled for the 22^{nd of} October. A bus replacement service will be in place for the rail line into and out of Lowestoft that weekend.</p> <p>Waveney Drive reopening: the footway surface has now been completed on the North side of the roundabout, connecting to Waveney Drive/Horn Hill roundabout. Waveney Drive will reopen to two-way traffic from Sunday 14th August. This reopening will permit other road schemes including a school safety crossing to go ahead. In the longer term, a reclosure has been judged to be less disruptive to the overall congestion in Lowestoft. The existing bus route diversions will remain in place until the permanent re-opening of Waveney Drive.</p> <p>Site work has been affected by various weather elements over this year, and during the current hot weather conditions, additional breaks have been given to those working on site.</p>	
4	<p>Social Value and Communications</p> <p>Recent activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A third community volunteering day was held at Re-utilise scrap and paint store in Lowestoft • Presentation and tour for visitors from Lowestoft's twin town – Plaisir, France • June newsletter distributed • Communications planning for Waveney Drive reopening • Event planning for Heritage Open Days • Dealing with resident's enquiries and complaints • Ensuring good signage and promotion of pedestrian and cycle access through southern site works. • Farrans will presenting at Lowestoft Jobcentre next week to a group of long term unemployed (LTU) individuals with a view to recruiting some of them to site. <p>Social Value</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Careers Talks / Open Events Attended • 3 Site Visits held for Local Students • 12 Laptops donated to Local Secondary Schools • 17 Primary & Secondary School Sessions delivered • 98 Staff Hours dedicated to local School and College visits • 1460 Approximate No. of Local Students reached through outreach events. 	Katherine Potts

	<p>Local Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 Local Suppliers and Subcontractors used within a 70 Mile radius. • 9 Job Opportunities for LTU & NEETS • 3 Apprenticeship positions filled on the project • 3 Graduates joined us on the Project • 4 Summer Placements to join the Project • 4 Work Experience Placements confirmed for Spring/Summer 2022 <p>Social media reach continues to grow on all platforms.</p>	
5	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Following a two-year development process, a £24.9m programme to transform Lowestoft has received final Government approval enabling work to progress on five major regeneration projects.</p> <p>In 2019, Lowestoft was chosen as one of 100 UK towns to benefit from the Government's £3.6 billion Towns Fund. Each town was invited by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (now the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) to develop a proposal for a Towns Deal, with up to £25 million available to bid for.</p> <p>All five projects have now advanced to the design phase and in the coming months, residents, businesses and visitors will be able to view proposed designs and learn more about each project. All projects are due to be completed by March 2026.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>14th October 2022, 14:00 – Hybrid</p>	