

# Gull Wing Key Stakeholder Group

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 14:00-16:00 | Virtual Meeting



Invitees	Apologies
Peter Aldous, MP for Waveney – Chair Cllr Ben Falat – Oulton Broad Parish Council Cllr James Reeder - Suffolk County Council Cllr Peter Byatt - East Suffolk Council Cllr Wendy Brooks – Lowestoft Town Council Darren Newman – East Suffolk Council Eddy Shuttleworth – Suffolk County Council Jennifer Cushion – Lowestoft and Waveney Chamber of Commerce Julia Bates – East Coast College Kate Ellis – East Suffolk Council Mark Langford – Suffolk County Council Paul Wood – East Suffolk Council Richard Perkins – Suffolk Chamber of Commerce Simon Bretherton – Suffolk County Council Tom Duit – Associated British Ports Warren Hoskins-Davies – CPE/Lowestoft Flood Risk Management Project	Andrew Jarvis - East Suffolk Council Cllr Richard Smith – Suffolk County Council Cllr Toby Hammond - East Suffolk Council

Link to previous minutes: [Key Stakeholder Group – Gull Wing Lowestoft \(gullwingbridge.co.uk\)](https://gullwingbridge.co.uk)

AGENDA	Lead
<b>1 Welcome and apologies</b>	Peter Aldous MP
<b>2 Political update</b> No direct political update at present.  However it was noted by Peter that there are interdependencies between the Gull Wing and Place Board – for example, there was a query during the Place Board surrounding traffic flow around Station Square, with Peter advising that this will be reviewed after the bridge opens.  Warren noted that Highways usually allow 3 years to monitor and review the flow of traffic and movements from a new highway’s intervention being launched. Simon advised there is a monitoring and evaluation plan for the opening of the bridge and Suffolk County Council will work with National Highways on this.  Cllr Brooks queried the cleanliness and antisocial behaviour in Station Square – Peter advised that this has been raised at the Place Board.	Peter Aldous MP
<b>3 Project progress update</b> Simon presented progress images from site to the group.  <b>Works undertaken since last meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Approach Embankment                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Retaining Wall Completed</li> <li>o Pedestrian/Cycleway Support Slabs completed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SAV 1 to 4                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o SAV 1-3 arrived via barge in April, with SAV 2-4 arriving in May. To install these, a specialist crane was brought to, and constructed on site, due to the weight of each viaduct section. The visual landscape is now</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Simon Bretherton

	<p>dramatically changing, and a buzz is building in the town, with many coming out to welcome each new section.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control Tower &amp; Plant Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mechanical &amp; Electrical fit out has been initiated</li> <li>o Standby Generator fitted into Plant Room</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Piers 4 and 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Pier 4 Hydraulic Cylinder Pit Concrete Works completed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Northern Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Soil Strengthening Works completed</li> <li>o Retaining Walls Completed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Denmark Road/ Peto Way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Footway kerbing and stormwater drainage works under way</li> <li>o Attenuation Pond Earthworks completed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NAV2 and NAV3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o NAV2 and NAV3 steelwork installed</li> <li>o Preparation for Permanent Deck Formwork underway</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Upcoming works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAV Works to Concrete Slab Deck to Commence</li> <li>• SAV Works to Concrete Slab Deck to Commence</li> <li>• South Approach Viaduct Works</li> <li>• North Approach Highways Works</li> <li>• Dolphins and Fendering Works</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Brooks raised a query regarding the cycle paths and the separation between cyclists and vehicles. Simon reassured Cllr Books this will be addressed in the build and in line with guidance.</p> <p>Cllr Falat queried the waiting pontoons for small vessels. Simon advised that the tubular piles have been installed for the pontoons, and the concrete capping beams will be installed alongside the dolphins and fenders.</p> <p>Cllr Byatt queried the area in dedication to Bob Blizzard MP. Peter and Simon advised that arrangements are in progress.</p> <p>Cllr Brooks queried if bee bricks will be installed in the bridge. Simon advised that he will take this away, but noted wildflowers are now in bloom on Colin Law Way.</p>	
4	<p><b>Social Value and Communications</b></p> <p><b>Recent/Future activity:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAV 1-3 arrived end of April. Coverage by Press Release and Social Media</li> <li>• SAV 2-4 arrived early May – Advisory and recap issued to press. Extensive coverage provided on Social Media and via livestream on website.</li> <li>• Good local coverage online, especially via Facebook, and in print for both arrivals. Local photography companies as well as amateur images and videos.</li> <li>• 2023 Issue 2 Newsletter has been published.</li> <li>• Social Media posts continuing to be generated regularly covering a wide variety of aspects of the project, both on-site and project related.</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Media</b></p> <p>Simon presented an update of the social media and website engagement figures.</p> <p><b>Educational Outreach Placement and Employment Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 Careers Talks / Open Events attended.</li> <li>• 20 Primary School STEM Sessions delivered.</li> <li>• 5 Site Visits held for Local Students.</li> <li>• 7 Work Experience Placements facilitated for local College Students.</li> <li>• 2000+ Approximate No. of Local Students reached through Educational Outreach</li> </ul>	Mark Langford Simon Bretherton

	<p>Events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 Job Opportunities for LTU &amp; NEETS</li> <li>• 10 Apprenticeship positions filled on the project.</li> <li>• 9 Graduates positions on the Project</li> <li>• 5 University placements facilitated on the project.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Brooks asked that social media posts engage the public more, acknowledging the support the town gave to the petition for a third crossing.</p> <p>Cllr Brooks queried whether we are in communication with the boating community. Peter advised Cllr Falat (who is in attendance) is fully engaged on their behalf.</p>	
5	<b>Any other business</b>	All
6	<b>Meetings for 2023</b> Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2023, 14:00 Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023, 14:00 Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023, 14:00	