

# Gull Wing Key Stakeholder Group

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 14:00-16:00 | Hybrid Meeting



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

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

AGENDA		Lead
1	<b>Welcome and apologies</b>	Peter Aldous MP
2	<b>Political update</b> No political update at present due to Parliament not in session.	Peter Aldous MP
3	<b>Project progress update</b> Simon presented the latest project progress to the group. Works on the Northern side are slightly behind due to utility, resource, and supply complications, and therefore is likely to require additional time to complete which will affect road-users. The completion and handover are now estimated to be mid-October.  Works Undertaken Since Last Meeting: South Approach Embankment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Embankment Fill completed</li> <li>• Precast concrete edge beams delivered, installation commenced</li> </ul> SAV 1 to 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All omnia planks installed; rebar installed</li> <li>• first two concrete deck pours completed</li> </ul> Plant Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hydraulic pumps and power unit installed</li> <li>• Fit-out of building services ongoing</li> </ul> Control Tower <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cantilever walls and slabs construction commenced</li> </ul> Northern Approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil Strengthening Works completed</li> <li>• Retaining Walls Completed</li> </ul> Denmark Road/Peto Way	Simon Bretherton

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerbing for new roundabout and diverted carriageway commenced</li> <li>• New UKPN and fibre ducting installed</li> </ul> <p>NAV2 and NAV3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Omnia planks installed</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southern Approach Embankment- Edge beams and pavement.</li> <li>• NAV and SAV in-situ reinforced concrete deck construction.</li> <li>• Control Tower Structure – cantilever walls and slabs (creating the rooms)</li> <li>• Plant Room – Internal fit out</li> <li>• Plant Room – MEICA equipment delivery and installation</li> <li>• Northern Approach Embankment - Earthworks fill</li> <li>• Northern drainage and highway works.</li> <li>• Western dolphin piles</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Reeder noted concerns about Rotterdam Road becoming a ‘rat-run’ once the bridge opens. Simon noted some traffic modelling was undertaken before the project began, and that a traffic monitoring programme will also be in place following the opening.</p> <p>Cllr Brooks also noted general concerns over cycle safety but praised ESC’s Cycling and Walking Strategy. Andrew Jarvis advised that planners are seeking how this can be rolled out. Cllr Byatt also reminded members that traffic will be reviewed once the bridge opens but is keen to see a cycling link to Oulton Broad under the bridge introduced.</p> <p>Cllr Smith noted that the purpose of the meeting was to update stakeholders on the bridge progression and that a review of traffic would take place once the bridge opens to allow for monitoring. If the purpose of the meeting is to include discussions regarding highways, then Highways Officers will need to be included in the meeting.</p> <p>Jennifer Cushion asked how external companies who may be bidding for work in the control room and communications are able to visit site. Simon advised that all sub-contract and supplier works are co-ordinated by Farrans who typically arrange site-based meetings if required. Additionally, Jennifer asked when will online mapping and sat-navs be updated once the bridge opens – Simon advised these updates usually take place quickly once the road opens.</p> <p>Action: Simon to bring information regarding the landscaping plan to the next meeting, including the safety of the attenuation ponds, and feed back to Cllr Reeder regarding Rotterdam Road.</p>	
4	<p><b>Social Value</b></p> <p>Nicol High (Farrans) joined the stakeholder group today to present on social value, joining the project through Suffolk County Council’s Rising High internship.</p> <p><b>Social value delivery strategy</b></p> <p>Nicol provided a detailed overview of the social value delivery to date for Gull Wing, particularly how they have supported local education providers with STEM workshops, graduate and internships placements, and community investment. The presentation will be circulated to stakeholders with the meeting minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Brooks enquired as to whether secondary schools have been included, and how many young people in Lowestoft have been involved. Nicol noted there is an additional information pack which lists all of the schools and colleges that students/internships/apprenticeships have come from.</p> <p>Andrew Jarvis noted that he would be keen to engage with Nicol regarding lessons learnt.</p>	Nicol High Simon Bretherton

	<p><b>Community Investment</b></p> <p>Peter asked if Farrans have experienced barriers to take up of work experience. Nicol noted that they have had people turn up to events, but when unpaid work experience was mentioned, some of those in attendance had walked out, but also the nature of the work had deterred under 18s. Other barriers that had to be overcome are that students under 16 can only be office based, and over 18s can only work on site with a CSCS card. Cllr Brooks asked if the supply chain could also be broken down to include Lowestoft.</p> <p>Jennifer noted that the college is facing difficulties with teaching staff, as her apprentices have lost their teacher. Peter noted that Stuart Rimmer is monitoring this.</p>	
5	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>Updates were provided regarding communications, including social media and website stats.</p> <p>Mark Langford is leaving the project team, and Tom Gooding will be supporting the project going forward. Peter and the stakeholder group thanked Mark for his support on the project.</p>	Mark Langford Eddy Shuttleworth
6	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Peter has received an email from the Gift Shop in Oulton Broad, offering to provide services selling souvenirs for the bridge. Kate noted that the creation of any souvenirs may be of interest to artists within the Lowestoft Creative Hub.</p> <p>Kate Ellis, who has supported the stakeholder group since 2018, will be passing the secretariat function to the SCC team. Peter and the stakeholder group thanked Kate for her support over the pre-construction and construction period.</p>	All
7	<p><b>Meetings for 2023</b></p> <p>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 14:00</p> <p>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 14:00</p>	