

Norwich Western Link Project Update

**Norwich Western
Link** <Norwichwesternlink@norfolk.gov.uk>
to me

Fri, Nov 24, 5:45 PM

Dear Sir/Madam

Following on from the great news in mid-October that we have received a funding commitment of more than £200 million from the Government for the Norwich Western Link, we're getting this important infrastructure project moving forward again.

We've published a cabinet report this afternoon with an update on the project and the proposed next steps, which include submitting the planning application early next year. While a lot of work had already been done on the planning application documents over several months, the project team are currently reviewing and updating these now that we have more certainty over the timing of their submission and the subsequent timings for the project.

The cabinet report sets out what we will need to include in the planning application. These documents will be published in full after we have submitted them to the planning authority, which in this instance is Norfolk County Council, but this is an entirely separate part of the authority to the project team. The planning authority will then run their own statutory public consultation on the planning application, so everyone will have the opportunity to view and comment on the proposals at that stage.

Once the planning application is finalised and submitted, the project team would then make and publish a Compulsory Purchase Order, for land required for the project, and a Side Roads Order, which would authorise the County Council as the highways authority to make alterations to roads and highways, including public rights of way. The cabinet report published today also gives details on these processes, and includes maps showing the land we will require for the project - whether on a temporary or permanent basis - and the existing roads that will need to be altered in some way.

Due to the delay in receiving the funding commitment from central government, and also as a result of factoring in information that has been confirmed as the project has developed, the anticipated timetable for the project has been pushed back. It is now expected that initial works will start in late 2025, with the start of main construction works in summer 2026 and the road open for use in 2029.

For the same reasons, the budget for the project has been revised to £273.9 million, an increase of £22.8 million from the previous budget agreed in July 2022. However, the Department for Transport have indicated that they could provide funding of up to 100 per cent of the costs set out at Outline Business Case stage, which stood at £251.1 million. If the government provided £251.1 million of funding, the local contribution required towards the overall cost of the project would be less than previously anticipated even with the overall budget increase.

I know delays and cost increases are frustrating and I know many people want to see this road built now, to tackle the traffic problems that exist to the west of Norwich and so that the wide range of benefits it will provide can be achieved at the earliest opportunity. It's the responsible thing to do to keep project budgets and timetables under review and to adjust them as more information is known, and to respond to wider influences. And it's important to do this in order to put ourselves in a strong position to get this road built, and built in the right way.

I hope this provides information that is helpful but, if you want to, you can also read the cabinet

report on our website [here](#) – the link in full is also included beneath my signature. With government backing secured and the planning application documents in the process of being finalised, we are making good progress and getting closer to making the Norwich Western Link a reality.

The cabinet report will be considered by me and my cabinet colleagues at a meeting on Monday 4 December, and I'll email you again that day to make you aware of the outcome of the meeting and the next steps from there.

Best wishes,

Graham

Cllr Graham Plant
Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure
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Code of Conduct and new key staff

Linda

Fri, Dec 1, 11:31 AM

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to Linda

Dear Parish/Town Clerk,

Following on from the Parish/Town Council Summit which was recently held at the Horizon, I am following up on a suggestion we received on whether the Monitoring Officer could provide some training around the code of conduct. As you should be aware, both Broadland and South Norfolk Councils have adopted the new LGA code of conduct and, to ensure consistency when dealing with code of conduct complaints, we have encouraged parish/town councils to also adopt it.

We are happy to provide some code of conduct training for parish councils but as the training would be on the new code, your parish council would need to have adopted it. Therefore, if your council has adopted the LGA code and you (and any parish councillors) would like training on it, please let me know. If there is sufficient interest, we will then arrange a training session at the Horizon some time in the new year.

I would also like to advise you of some staffing changes that may be of interest to you.

Please note that Emma Goddard has changed roles at the Councils and will be dealing with Information Governance only, so will no longer be a Deputy Monitoring Officer. However, Sinead Carey has taken up the new position of Strategic Advisor and Deputy Monitoring Officer. Nicola Tullock has left the Councils and Stuart Guthrie has been appointed as our new Electoral Services Manager.

To assist you, our individual contact details are below, however please continue to use the monitoring officer email address for any queries/forms on code of conduct issues (monitoringofficer@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk) and the elections team email for any election queries (elections@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk):

- Emma Hodds - Chief of Staff and Monitoring Officer: 01508 533791
- Linda Mockford - Governance Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer: 01603 430424
- Sinead Carey - Strategic Advisor and Deputy Monitoring Officer: 01508 533661
- Stuart Guthrie - Electoral Services Manager: 01603 430645

I hope you all have a restful Christmas!

Best regards,

Linda

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New Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) Information Pages

Lola

Wed, Dec 6, 1:02 PM

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to SNC, BDC, Claire, Tracy, Helen

Dear all,

We would like to make you aware that we have created some new webpages on the Planning page of Broadland and South Norfolk Councils website, relating specifically to local Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) within both districts.

We wanted to help our communities find quick and easy access to information regarding NSIP's and this was the driving force behind the webpage. It was fully appreciated negotiating the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project website hosted by the planning inspectorate, can be time consuming, and often difficult to find the documents people actually want. The website will be continually updated as part of the project to ensure access to the most relevant information is provided. The page will hopefully be useful for all stakeholders, including the community, political members and parish councils impacted.

Link: <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/planning>

Here you will find the following information:

- 'About Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' which explains what they are, the Development Consent Process and the Local Authorities role.
- 'National Policy' which provides links to the governments new National Planning Policy Statements.
- Specific NSIP projects by type: National Highways Schemes; Offshore Wind Farms and Electricity.




These pages give an overview of the project, including which District host the project and what stage they are at in the process, with links to key documents and information, particularly the Development Consent Order as made (if determined, which contains the requirements (conditions) attached to the consent), land plans etc. and to the developer's website.

Additionally, the contact details for Orsted and Vattenfall, are available on the specific project pages, for communities to contact them directly regarding issues and concerns in respect of any works that are taking place.

There will be a mapping tool displaying the offshore windfarms and Norwich to Tilbury routes, this has yet to be developed and added to the web page.

Planning

Nutrient pollution in the River Wensum Special Area of Conservation and the Broads Special Area of Conservation and Ramsar has affected our ability to grant planning permissions for some types of development. [Find out if your Development could be affected.](#)

Find and comment on a planning application 	Planning advice 	Conservation 
Future development and local plans 	Planning enforcement 	Community Infrastructure Levy 
Local land charge searches 	Street naming and numbering 	Building control and regulations 
Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) 		

Please do share with your communities.

Any queries or issues, please do let me know.

Kindest regards,
Lola

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Updated Advance Work Notice – Reepham Road, Salle – Road Closure

Upcoming Works

As part of our work to prepare for construction of the Hornsea Three cable route, we will be installing access points across the length of the route. These access points allow for our construction traffic to access the works area via the public road system.

To facilitate these works, we will be temporarily closing **Reepham Road, Salle** between the following dates:

Wednesday 17 January to Friday 26 January 2024, at all times.

During this time a temporary diversion route will be in place. The diversion route can be found overleaf. Reepham Road will be closed to through traffic, but local access will be maintained, up to where the team is working.

If you are concerned about accessing your property during this time, please contact us using the details at the end of this letter.

What to expect

- You might see us working on site during the day. Our working hours are 7.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.
- Some low-level noise from onsite machinery during working hours.

What we will do

- Keep all sites safe and secure, while keeping disruption to a minimum.
- Answer your questions via our community phonenumber and mailbox.

Please note that all our works are subject to site and weather conditions and all the dates in this notification are subject to change.

Get in touch

We're committed to keeping you informed about our work. We want to be a good neighbour and try to minimise the impacts of our work on the community. If you'd like to get in touch, please email us at community@hornsea3.co.uk or call us on 0800 158 2354.

Map



— Diversion route — Hard Closure — Access only

If you have any questions about the map provided, or would like to request a clearer version, please contact us on the number or email provided overleaf.

About us

The Ørsted vision is a world that runs entirely on green energy. Ørsted develops, constructs, and operates offshore and onshore wind farms, solar farms, energy storage facilities, renewable hydrogen and green fuels facilities, and bioenergy plants.

The Hornsea Three wind farm received development consent in December 2020. Hornsea Three, once complete, could provide clean power to over three million UK homes. It will make a significant contribution towards meeting the UK's net zero commitments and we're committed to working closely with stakeholders and local communities as we take the project forward.