

The Right Hon. Eric Pickles MP
Department for Communities and Local Government
Eland House
Bressenden Place
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15 November 2010

Dear Minister,

I have received the correspondence from Department for Transport setting out the position of the Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NNDR) in the Development Pool of schemes. This is welcome confirmation that the DfT recognises that the scheme offers good value for money.

The Department of Communities and Local Government has allocated £21m to build the Postwick Hub because of its significant economic benefits independent of the NNDR. It will create a significant number of jobs in building the junction, unlocks significant capacity at the nearby Broadland Business Park and in the new business park which is an integral element of the scheme thereby stimulating the local economy, facilitates housing land for about 1600 homes and creates a safe and effective junction with the trunk road.

The project has planning permission, but still has to complete the statutory processes around the side roads order. I am seeking confirmation that the funding for Postwick Hub will be released when those statutory processes are completed and when DfT has successfully completed its review of the NDR at the end of 2011.

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We are well placed to complete Postwick Hub and unlock the significant economic benefits that it will deliver. I look forward to your confirmation, allowing us to proceed with confidence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Woodbridge', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Simon Woodbridge

Chairman of Greater Norwich Development Partnership Policy Group

c.c. The Right Hon. Grant Shapps MP

Henry Cleary, Deputy Director, DCLG