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Dear Louise St John Howe

Response to Inspectors' Changes to the Joint Core Strategy

RF 117: Flexibility / Resilience of the JCS in relation to the Northern Distributor Road

Norwich Cycling Campaign wish to reiterate our objections to the central position of the Northern Distributor Road within the JCS.

Para 6.18 as revised and Policy 20 new paragraph continue to state a fundamental dependency of the JCS on the NDR. We believe that this makes the JCS unsound following the guidance in PPS12:

4.37) Evidence base: plans should contain 'the views of the local community' and be 'as up to date as practical'.

- The last public consultation on the NDR was undertaken in 2003.

4.38) Alternatives: 'reasonable alternatives' promoted by the local authority and others should be evaluated.

- Alternatives to the NDR have not been adequately assessed.

4.46) Flexibility: 'the core strategy should show what alternative strategies have been prepared to handle this uncertainty and what would trigger their use. Authorities should not necessarily rely on a review of the plan as a means of handling uncertainty.'

- However the proposed new paragraph after paragraph 7.11 states 'If there is no possibility of the timely construction of the NDR, a complete review of the JCS would be triggered.'

We urge the Inspectors to find the draft Joint Core Strategy unsound with a view to developing a flexible, deliverable and sustainable strategy for greater Norwich.

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