

The Planning Inspectors
c/o Louise St John Howe
Programme Officer
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1 November 2010

Dear Inspectors,

**Examination into the Submitted Joint Core Strategy for
Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk**

We are writing to you as Leaders of the Norwich Green Party Councillors and Norfolk County Council Green Party Councillors. The Green Party holds 14 seats on Norwich City Council, two places behind the minority Labour administration with 16 seats and 7 seats on Norfolk County Council.

We and others have long argued that the Norwich Northern Distributor Road is not the right solution for the Norwich area. However, two recent events have finally pulled the rug from under the scheme.

First, in an announcement on 26 October the Government withdrew the Regional Funding Allocation for the NDR and placed the scheme in a 'Development Pool', to compete for £600 million with 21 other local major transport schemes. As a result, the Joint Core Strategy will go to the Examination in Public without any government funding for the NDR.

Second, Norfolk County Council Cabinet Member for Transport and Travel Cllr Graham Plant has invited the public views on the NDR as part of Norfolk's 'Big Conversation' with the people of Norfolk on spending priorities (front page of Eastern Daily Press, 30 October). There can be no guarantee that the NDR will survive as a County Council policy commitment.

In view of these developments, it is clear there is no firm implementation route for the JCS 'critical infrastructure'. We believe the Greater Norwich Development Partnership should concede the fact that the JCS has been overtaken by political changes and withdraw the document to avoid the possibility of it being found unsound and save public expenditure on the Examination in Public.

Unfortunately, there are no formal opportunities available to City and County Council elected members to debate the Submitted JCS before the EiP closes on 26 November as the next Full Council meetings are programmed for 29 and 30 November.

We are therefore writing to ask if you would consider inviting the GNDP to withdraw the JCS, enabling the forthcoming EiP to be cancelled? We know that you wrote to the GNDP on 13 October to inquire whether the GNDP wished to proceed with the EiP in view of their intention to undertake an early review of the strategy (starting in December). Unfortunately, the reply signed by GNDP manager Sandra Eastaugh on 14 October declined your proposal without referring the matter to elected members. Further developments since then make the case for withdrawal of the JCS even more compelling and so we believe it would be appropriate if you would consider writing to the GNDP a second time.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Claire Stephenson
Leader of Norwich Green Party Councillors

Phil Hardy
Leader of Norfolk County Council Green Party Councillors

Baxter, Amy

From: Louise t John Howe [lstjohnhowe@hotmail.co.uk]
Sent: 06 November 2010 12:16
To: Baxter, Amy
Subject: Fw: Letter to Inspectors

From: lstjohnhowe@hotmail.co.uk
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 4:14 PM
To: philip.hardy@norfolk.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Letter to Inspectors

The Inspectors have asked me to forward this reply to your letter of 1st November to them.

"We refer to your letter of 1 November concerning the announcement by the Department for Transport on 26 October.

We consider that it would be inappropriate for us to act as you suggest. You know about the exchange of letters that we had with GNDP in October. At this stage the examination hearings should proceed unless the constituent authorities of GNDP decide otherwise. As you know, the programme offers opportunities for your concerns to be aired and discussed".

Kind regards

Louise St John Howe

From: Louise t John Howe
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 9:35 AM
To: philip.hardy@norfolk.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Letter to Inspectors

thank you for your email and attached letter which I have forwarded to both the Inspectors and the Councilm, and have asked the Council to post it on the website as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Louise

Subject: Letter to Inspectors
Date: Tue, 2 Nov 2010 07:06:36 +0000
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