To the Inspectors, Greater Norwich JCS From Denise Carlo, Chair, NNTAG

Dear Inspectors,

Department for Transport Announcement and Implications for a NDR/JCS

http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/regional/ltp/major/transportschemes/

I am forwarding you the link to the report, <u>Investment in Local Major Transport Schemes</u>, published yesterday by the Department for Transport. It provides more detail on the CSR and transport spending.

The NDR is one of a group of 22 schemes in a 'Development Pool'. The report states: (para 19)

"A further group of 22 schemes will form a Development Pool, for which over £600 million should be available. We know that these schemes offer good value for money but we will not be able to fund them all. We will conduct some further analysis on these with the promoters and invite improved best and final funding bids before deciding which of these schemes we will support. Final decisions will be made by the end of 2011."

In addition, schemes in the Development Pool may have to compete with schemes elevated from a Pre-Qualification Pool.

NNTAG will press the DfT to ensure that Norfolk CC abides by NDR conditions of Programme Entry and carries out a new model run using a Production and Attraction model, for reevaluation by DfT. Also, Norfolk CC will need to show that it is delivering complementary measures. At a time when Norfolk CC is cutting spending on sustainable transport, we are not convinced that the County has either the commitment or the funds to deliver complementary measures.

Aside from further work on a NDR, the DfT report raises questions about the forthcoming EiP into the JCS. It means that the GNDP will come to the EiP with no funding commitments for a NDR, apart from a few hopes.

For this reason, the GNDP will not be in a position to be able to say that NDR funding has a realistic prospect of being provided in the life of the strategy, as required by PPS12.

In view of the GNDP'c claim that the JCS is dependent on a NDR, with No Plan B, NNTAG would like to enquire on what basis will the EiP be proceeding as a result of the DfT announcement?