



Long List of Projects from Norfolk & Suffolk Local Transport Body.

1. On 18th June, the Clerk distributed an eMail received, *via* SALC, from the newly formed Norfolk & Suffolk Local Transport Body. This is one of many local transport bodies that have been set up across the country to manage major transport scheme money, which was previously managed by central government. The Norfolk and Suffolk LTB is likely to receive around £39m of funding for major transport schemes over the 2015-19 spending period.
2. On the same date, the LTB published a 'Long-List' of schemes across the two counties which may be eligible for funding from the devolved money over the five years to 2019. As this list is derived from existing, agreed, and adopted strategies (*e.g.* Local Transport Plans, Growth Plans and Infrastructure Plans) which have already had extensive stakeholder engagement, the LTB is confident that the long-list is a good starting point to identify the transport projects to which the LTB should direct its funding. A copy of the 'Long-List' is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. Unfortunately.
3. The LTB invites comments on the long list and suggestions for any additional large capital transport schemes for inclusion in the spending programme for 2014-19, however, the closing date for comments is 12:00 on 12th July. The document was received too late for consideration at the meeting of Planning & Transport Committee on 24th June, hence the presentation of this report to Full Council
4. A long standing concern of residents, and of this council, has been the level of traffic on the A1152, which bisects the village. This concern is understood to be shared by residents and councils of other settlements along the route. This view was reinforced by discussions during the Melton Neighbourhood Plan Open Day on 29th June.
5. According to traffic data received from Suffolk County Council during the preparation of the Melton Village Plan, council's response to the draft Local Development Framework and the applications for develop of both the Girdlestone site and of Rendlesham Parks, the level of traffic on the A1152 through Melton is comparable with that on the A12 through Farnham, with probably a higher proportion of Heavy Goods Vehicles. Whilst the 'Four Villages Bypass' on the A12 remains a priority for both the highway and local planning authorities, there are no known proposals to mitigate problems caused by the volume of traffic on the A1152.
6. It is therefore suggested that we ask the Local Transport Board to add a further scheme "improvement of road links between the Bawdsey / Orford Peninsula and the A12". At this stage, there is no need to be prescriptive about the precise nature of any such scheme - it would have to be evolved through the usual channels, including formal public engagement. Where it to be accepted for inclusion on the Long List, given the availability of finance it is unlikely that work

would commence in less than ten years' time. However, the long gestation of major transport schemes and its current absence from any current plans means that. If we wish to see something done about the problem, it needs to get into the long-term planning of the LTB, the highway transport authority and the local planning authority.

7. Given the potential impact of this proposal on the wider area, a draft copy of this report has been sent to Sutton, Bromeswell, Eyke, Rendlesham, Tunstall, and Sutton Heath parish councils
8. It is **recommended that**
 - a. notes the contents of the N&SLTB Long List; and
 - b. responds to the consultation by seeking the addition of a further scheme "improvement of road links between the Bawdsey / Orford Peninsula and the A12".

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