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# The Norfolk County Council (Norwich Northern Distributor Road (A1067 to A47(T))) Order

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## Applicant's comment on Written Representations by Lesley Grahame

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## **Introduction**

This document provides the Applicant's responses in respect of issues raised by Lesley Grahame in her Written Representation to the Examining Authority dated 29 June 2014. The Written Representation covers many issues. Some of these have been addressed elsewhere (including the Applicant's comments on Relevant Representations, and the Applicant's comments on other Written Representations). Therefore a limited selection of issues raised have been extracted and comments provided.

The points have been responded to where possible in the order they were raised. Each issue, or in some cases a summary of it, is shown in italics.

## Applicant's comment on Written Representations

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### Representation

<p>1.1. <i>Many of my residents will be among those whose objections were lost. People lodge objections, sign petitions in good faith that these will be considered, and if this hasn't happened they are entitled to a further say.</i></p>
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### Applicant's comment

- 1.1.1. NCC received over 1400 responses to its consultations under Section 47 of the Planning Act, which commented on a wide range of issues associated with the NDR proposals. NCC is aware that three submissions made by Norwich Green Party, CPRE and SNUB were on the balance of probabilities received but unfortunately were not logged. In respect of these submissions, the Planning Inspectorate has concluded that the points raised in them had been raised by other consultees and therefore are covered in the Consultation Report. A legal point raised about the changes to the legislation during the consultation process was addressed in any event in the Consultation Report (as referred to in section 2.8.10 above) In addition there will be further opportunity for these comments to be considered during the examination process.
- 1.1.2. The County Council's Head of Procurement carried out an extremely thorough investigation, and although he was unable to arrive at a definitive view as to what happened, NCC have apologised to the Green Party, SNUB and CPRE. The full report has now been published (Review into missing submissions to Norwich Northern Distributor Road consultation process - included within Appendix A of NCC/EX/4 Applicants Comments on Relevant Representations) No other individuals or groups have come forward suggesting that their submissions have not been included within the consultation report.

Representation

1.2. *I believe this example (previous construction of the Southern Bypass) from the South East of the City is relevant to North -west, because areas between the end of the NDR and the Southern bypass will be overwhelmed with traffic going in towards the city where they want to get round it*

Applicant's comment

- 1.2.1. Volume 1 Section 7 Paragraph 7.1.8 to 7.1.14 of the Traffic Forecasting Report (Document Ref. 5.6) analyses the traffic impacts at the western end of the NDR in the vicinity of Taverham and Drayton and especially the impact on traffic crossing the Wensum Valley.
- 1.2.2. This shows that the NDR leads to a decrease in daily traffic on the routes that connect the A1067 with the A47(T) to the west of Norwich of 6% in 2017 and 4% in 2032 as shown in Table 7.1, although there is an increase in traffic on the western part of the corridor (between Lenwade / Weston Longville and Hockering) which has, separately to the NDR project, already received highway and traffic management improvements.
- 1.2.3. In Figure I.3 in Vol3 of the Traffic Forecasting Report site A54 shows there would be a forecast reduction with the NDR on the A1067 Fakenham Road.

## Representation

1.3. *Over-supply of new buildings outside the city will reduce the imperative to restore empty buildings that bring down the inner city areas.*

## Applicant's comment

- 1.3.1. Norwich is a dominant regional city located within a largely rural county. As explained in Chapters 2 and 3 of Volume 1 of the ES (Document Ref 6.1) a number of objectives which centre on substantial population growth and economic development have been identified for the City of Norwich and its surrounding area. As explained in paragraphs 3.3.20 to 3.3.34 of Volume 1 of the ES (Document Reference 6.1), at the local level these objectives have been largely identified within the adopted JCS. As paragraphs 3.3.35 to 3.3.46 of Volume 1 of the ES further explain, these objectives benefit from support at the national level.
- 1.3.2. The purpose of the Land Use and Economic Development Report (Document Ref 10.3) is to provide an explanation of the relationship between the proposed NDR and sites earmarked for development and to assess the economic development impact of the NDR in terms of jobs and dwellings which are assessed on a site-by-site basis with respect to the influence of the NDR on bringing development forward. The report quantifies the economic benefits of the development sites located on or close to the line of the NDR and provides a qualitative assessment of wider economic effects, including within Norwich City Centre and at Great Yarmouth and the market towns of Aylsham and North Walsham. Positive (but unquantified) effects are identified for these areas in Table 5.2 of the report.