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

5.4 Details of other consents, licences and permits

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Introduction

This document is submitted in relation to the application for a Development Consent Order by Norfolk County Council to the Secretary of State, under the Planning Act 2008.

The application is for the Norfolk County Council (Norwich Northern Distributor Road (A1067 to A47(T))) Order, to grant development consent for the construction of a new highway running west to east, to south, between the A1067 Fakenham Road and the A47 Trunk Road at Postwick, including improvements to the existing highway network to the north and north east of Norwich.

This document comprises part of the application documents and relates to Regulation 5(2)(q) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

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1 Summary

- 1.1.1 This document describes the consents, licences and permits that will be required for the construction or operation of the NDR but which are not included in the Draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1).
- 1.1.2 Such licences and permits will be the subject of separate applications to other bodies such as the Environment Agency, Natural England or the local planning authority. The consents relate to discharge of water during construction, works affecting protected species (bats and great crested newts), drainage, and noise and traffic controls during construction.
- 1.1.3 Norfolk County Council (NCC) is not aware of any reason why any of the consents are not likely to be granted.

2 Other Consents, Licences and Permits

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 This document is submitted as part of the application by Norfolk County Council (NCC) for development consent for the Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR).
- 2.1.2 This document describes the consents, licences and permits that will be required for the construction, operation and maintenance of the NDR but which are not included in the Draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1) submitted with this application. Such licences and permits will therefore be the subject of separate applications to other bodies such as the Environment Agency, Natural England or the local planning authority.
- 2.1.3 This document is not required by the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 but is recommended in Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 6 (Preparation and Submission of application documents, June 2012), at Appendix 1.

2.2 Discharge Consents

- 2.2.1 Consent for discharge of water to the aquifer may be required under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010.
- 2.2.2 Piling work will take place at bridge locations, and the piles may penetrate the water table. If so, some water may have to be pumped out and placed back in the aquifer. Before it is returned to the aquifer it would be treated in a settlement system.
- 2.2.3 Any discharge consents required will be sought from the Environment Agency prior to any such works being carried out.

2.3 Protected Species Licences

- 2.3.1 Protected species licences will be required under regulation 53 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 in relation to the species identified below.
- 2.3.2 Great crested newts: a breeding pond and an associated area of terrestrial habitat for great crested newts will be removed as part of the construction of

the Scheme. The pond that will be removed is part of a series currently in place – the others in this series are not being removed. As part of the Scheme four new ponds are being created in the immediate vicinity, and areas of remaining terrestrial habitat will be maintained along with the new ponds. Newt fencing will be erected before construction works begin, and trapping and re-location of newts will be carried out.

- 2.3.3 Bats: the construction works will result in the removal of a number of bat roosts in buildings and in trees. The NDR will intersect flight paths and other features of bat activity. New roosts will be provided, including two bat houses and a number of bat boxes. Severance of significant flight paths will be addressed by the installation of crossing points over/under the NDR of various types, such as bat gantries, green bridges, underpasses and modified highway bridges to provide dark corridors.
- 2.3.4 Protected species licences will be sought from Natural England following the making of the development consent order sought by this application. Mitigation measures have been discussed with the Natural England Case Officer during the consultation that has been on-going throughout the design and evolution of the Scheme. Draft licence applications were submitted to Natural England in November 2013, with a view to a letter of comfort being obtained confirming that Natural England consider that it is likely that it would be in a position to grant protected species licences when formally sought.

2.4 Land Drainage Consents

- 2.4.1 Consent to obstruct watercourses may be sought from the relevant local drainage board under the Land Drainage Act 1991 (section 23).
- 2.4.2 These consents will be required if the dry watercourses will require culverting, and they are in an area administered by the Broads Internal Drainage Board, from whom any consent required will be sought. Discussions between NCC, the Environment Agency and the Internal Drainage Board regarding this and other relevant aspects of the Scheme have already taken.

2.5 Noise Controls

- 2.5.1 Prior consent for works on construction sites may be sought from the relevant local authority under section 61 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974.
- 2.5.2 If applied for (the consent is not a requirement), then it would be sought by the construction contractor prior to relevant works commencing.

2.6 Traffic Controls

- 2.6.1 The Draft Development Consent Order (Document 3.1) provides powers for specific temporary restrictions as well as general powers for NCC to control traffic for the purposes of the construction of the NDR. In the event that any traffic controls are required that are outside the scope of the development consent order then they would be applied for by the contractor at the appropriate time.

3 Glossary

Term	Meaning/Definition
The Application	The Application for the DCO for the NDR Scheme
Draft DCO / Draft Development Consent Order	The Norfolk County Council (Norwich Northern Distributor Road (A47 to A1067(T))) Order (Document 3.1) – the draft development consent order submitted with the Application. A DCO is required for the NDR Scheme
NCC	Norfolk County Council
NDR	Norwich Northern Distributor Road