
Clopton Parish Council - Response in relation to The Ipswich Northern Route Consultation

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To: Clopton Parish Council <cloptonpc@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 18, 2019 at 8:31 AM

Dear Kay

Many thanks for sending me your councils views on the consultation.

Please forgive the email response rather than a letter – I am currently out of the Country and this seems the most effective way to respond.

In your letter your council highlights a number of concerns and issues which I believe are very salient to the whole debate on the proposal.

I would like to clarify my current position and indeed the position of East Suffolk Council on this project.

I have repeatedly said that I am fully in favour of a consultation on a range of options.

However, this does not mean that I have expressed support for all or any of the proposals tabled.

I think the right approach is to seek a wide range of views on this project - and only then can we fully consider both the pros and cons of any scheme before making an informed decision regarding our overall position.

I have very clearly stated that the stance of East Suffolk Council will only be formed by weighing up the benefits to our district against the impact that such a scheme would have.

This includes listening to the views of the public and businesses, considering the financial implications, understanding the impact on our environment, the quality of life of residents and any economic opportunities that the proposals might bring.

I believe that public consultation on this and indeed any major infrastructure project is the right and proper thing to do and in order to make such consultation meaningful it is only right that we fully consider the results of the consultation before we nail our colours to the mast.

I hope that clarifies our position.

I thank you once again for your letter and assure you the matters raised will be fully considered as part of our decision-making process.

Regards

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Fri, Aug 30, 2019 at 3:00 PM

Dear Kay,

Thank you for the letter dated 16th August setting out Clopton Parish Council's opposition the Ipswich Northern Routes project.

Hopefully you will be aware that this project is being conducted by Suffolk County Council, not by Ipswich Borough Council, and therefore responses to the consultation and comments about how the consultation has been conducted should be made to them.

I note that you have cc'd the Northern Route Consultation Team into this letter so you have in effect already done this and I would expect them to respond to the issues you raise as part of their consultation process.

With respect to the INR consultation, Ipswich Borough Council has the same status as Clopton Parish Council as a consultee.

For the record, IBC has long held the view that a Northern Bypass for Ipswich would be desirable. Our current thinking on the options presented in the INR consultation is that we oppose the outer route and have a strong preference for the inner route.

The council's Executive Committee will be discussing its response to the consultation at its meeting next week. The report setting out the council's proposed position is available online at:
<https://democracy.ipswich.gov.uk/documents/s25529/E-19-28%20Ipswich%20Northern%20Bypass%20Consultation.pdf>

Regards,

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