

Vic Thomson's Report - November

Norfolk Futures: The vision for Norfolk in 2021 "Caring for our County", A video is on the NCC website.

4 Key principles

Offering our help early to reduce and prevent demand for specialist services

Joining up our work so that similar activities and services are easily accessible, done well and done once

Being Business-like and making best use of technology to ensure value for money

Using evidence and data to target our work where it can make the most difference.

New Governance Structure

Wendy Thompson, current MD, has resigned and will be leaving at the end of this year.

There were already changes proposed to the Governance at NCC and this departure will be considered as we move forward with our new Governance model.

A47 Dualling consultation: Blofield to North Burlingham follow the link to have your say <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/>

Children's Centre Services:

A consultation about the services provided because the contracts for all 53 centres is up for renewal. Your Centre is in Lakenham and there are out reach centres, 3 sessions a week, in Stoke Holy Cross and Poringland. The suggestion is to have more outreach sessions in communities to make services more accessible to everyone. Follow this link to have your say www.norfolk.gov.uk/childrenscentres

Mobile libraries.

There is a consultation ending in April 2019 to look at current provision and routes.

Cycling race

We're very excited that British Cycling have just announced that Norfolk will be hosting the 2019 National Road Championships. It will be part of the Great British Cycling Festival which will take place in Norfolk on 28th and 30th June next year. Follow the link for more information

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/.../20181109-roadchamps-HSB...>

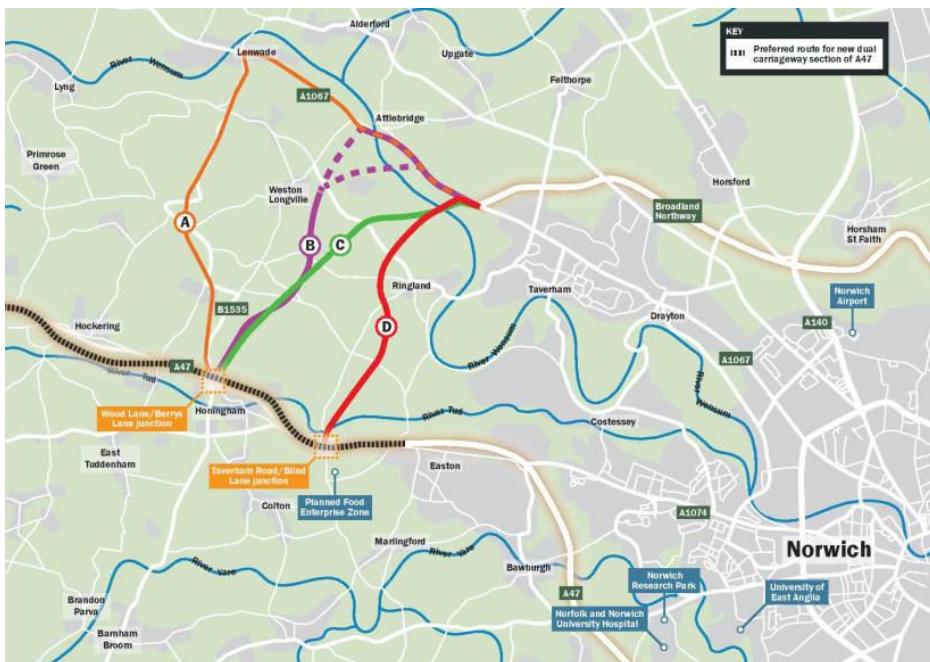
Western Link

After months of work, we can today reveal four shortlisted road options for a Norwich Western Link. You can find a map showing these routes and a description of each of the options below.

Earlier this year, you'll probably remember that our first Norwich Western Link public consultation established there was very strong support for creating a new link between the A47 and Broadland Northway (formerly Northern Distributor Road), with the majority of those who responded suggesting a new road as their preferred solution. The consultation was prompted by long-standing concerns about traffic congestion on roads and in communities to the west of Norwich and calls from many people to fill in what they saw as the 'missing link' between the A47 and Broadland Northway.

Three new dual carriageway roads and a single carriageway upgrade to the B1535 make up the shortlisted options. While the majority of the new or improved roads would be built at or near ground level, viaduct-style bridges over river flood plains are included in some of the options. All the routes also include improvements to the A1067 Fakenham Road.

The work to shortlist these routes as a potential Norwich Western Link followed Department for Transport assessment guidelines and included traffic surveys and modelling, gathering information on environmental and ecological factors in the area and developing a longlist of road and non-road options.



followed Department for Transport assessment guidelines and included traffic surveys and modelling, gathering information on environmental and ecological factors in the area and developing a longlist of road and non-road options.

The shortlisted options, from west to east, are:

Option A – a 7.2 mile single carriageway upgrade to the B1535 and A1067, linking to the A47 at the Wood Lane junction north of Honingham. This option would significantly realign the current B road, smoothing it out to make it a higher standard route. The route would join the A1067 via a new junction at Lenwade and make use of the existing bridge across the River Wensum at Attlebridge.

It is predicted this route would carry around 10,000 vehicles a day by 2040. The estimated cost is £60 million.

Option B – a new dual carriageway route and dual carriageway upgrade of the A1067 totalling 5.2 miles, with the new route to the east of Weston Longville and linking to the A47 at Wood Lane. At the northern end of this route, two alternatives are given for how it could join the A1067. One would be via a new junction near Attlebridge which would include widening the existing River Wensum bridge at Attlebridge. The other would see a new 660 metre viaduct crossing of the Wensum created, joining the A1067 further to the east.

It is predicted this route would carry around 30,000 vehicles a day by 2040. The estimated cost is £155 million based on the viaduct alternative as this has a higher cost.

Option C – a new dual carriageway route and dual carriageway upgrade of the A1067, linking to the A47 at Wood Lane and totalling 3.9 miles. Around 350 metres of the A1067 would be dualled before a new junction would take the route between Weston Longville and Ringland, crossing the River Wensum on a 720 metre-long viaduct.

It is predicted this route would carry around 32,000 vehicles a day by 2040. The estimated cost is £153 million.

Option D – a new dual carriageway route and dual carriageway upgrade of the A1067 totalling 3.6 miles. The route is similar to Option C at its northern end, however it then runs to the west of Ringland and links to the A47 further east at the junction with Taverham Road. Around 400 metres of the A1067 would be dualled before a new junction would take the route between Weston Longville and Ringland, crossing the River Wensum on a 660 metre-long viaduct, then turning more to the south and crossing the River Tud on a second viaduct, this one 120 metres long, before it meets the A47.

It is predicted this route would carry around 31,000 vehicles a day by 2040. The estimated cost is £161 million.

While road options came out as the most effective Norwich Western Link, we will still consider complementing any of these options with other transport measures such as walking and cycling routes and traffic management measures on other roads.

We will proceed with a public consultation on them between 26 November 2018 and 18 January 2019. You can read the full report on the Norwich Western Link options that councillors will receive [You can read the full report on the Norwich Western Link options that councillors will receive here.](#)

The consultation will help us identify a preferred option for a Norwich Western Link, which we intend to do by next spring. Further details on the routes will be published to coincide with the consultation's launch, and we'll update you when we've confirmed when and where our consultation events will take place.

A public consultation on these routes will run between Monday 26 November 2018 and Friday 18 January 2019. During the consultation, people will be asked for their views on the options and these responses will help the council identify a preferred option for a Norwich Western Link in spring 2019. The consultation is also an opportunity to tell the council about any relevant information they should consider before deciding on a preferred route.

People can find out more about the options and respond to the consultation online via www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl from Monday 26 November. People can also respond in person, and ask any questions they may have, at a series of staffed consultation events taking place throughout the consultation period. Information on these events is below, all the events will run between 2 and 8pm unless otherwise stated and people can drop in at any point between these opening times.

Ringland Village Hall	- Wednesday 28 November
Drayton Village Hall	- Monday 3 December
The Forum, Norwich	- Tuesday 4 December (12 – 5pm)
Easton Village Hall	- Monday 10 December
Taverham Village Hall	- Tuesday 11 December (12 – 6pm)
Diamond Jubilee Lodge, Hellesdon	- Thursday 10 January
The Costessey Centre	- Monday 14 January

Scam Alerts

Check out the link to find out about current scams

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/scams/consumer-alerts>

Look out for the following email scams which are circulating:

Email claiming to be from 'eFax' stating 'You have received a 9 page fax' – attachment is Malware