

SUFFOLK COASTAL AND WAVENEY DISTRICT COUNCILS

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHT REPORT

Programme Name: Lowestoft Transport & Infrastructure Projects (Connecting Lowestoft)	Programme Manager: Paul Wood	Status (RAG) 
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Brief Description: Public and private sector partners working together to deliver transport and infrastructure improvements in and around Lowestoft to boost economic growth.

Progress:	Suggested Next Steps:
<p>Management: A relaunch event for LTIP was held in September to unveil the new Connecting Lowestoft branding. Feedback has been very positive with good media presence on the day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Circulate brand guidelines to stakeholders to ensure the logo is appropriately used. - Commence development of web presence to promote projects which are live, historic or aspirational.
<p>Third Crossing: The Development Consent Order (DCO) has been accepted and emphasis switched to the examination.</p> <p>Suffolk County Council has announced that leading civil engineering contractor, BAM Nuttall, has won the Design and Build contract for the completing the Lake Lothing Third Crossing. The contract will start on 1st November 2018.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Examination Stage, which begins in December, will last up to six months. During this time interested parties, are formally invited share their views of the project at hearings and in writing, with the Planning Inspectorate. - At the end of the Examination Stage, the Planning Inspector has up to three months to prepare a report and a recommendation on the application for the Secretary of State.
<p>Road: An operational meeting took place with key partners including SCC to discuss immediate concerns on traffic congestion in the town. Schedules of work have been shared and lines of communication agreed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor congestion issues and ensure press releases are regularly updated. - AECOM report added as standing item to LTIP Agenda
<p>Rail: The Oulton Broad North Station has seen significant reductions in the barrier down time from movements of trains from Lowestoft Station. Investigations are underway to see if a similar improvement is possible for trains from the Somerleyton direction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to work with Network Rail on possible solutions.
<p>Flood/Port: Due to working constraints with ABP and RNSYC, construction of the flood walls is to be scheduled for winter months to minimize disruption on the tourist season.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit planning applications for the fluvial/pluvial elements and tidal flood walls (December 18).

<p>Both the changes in timeframes and methodology have impacted the project costs significantly. It is critical that construction costs are clarified as soon as possible to understand the full extent of any additional funding required.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to progress detailed design, Environmental Impact Assessment and the Transport Works Act Order.
<p>Sustainable Transport Measures: The Pedestrian Cycle Crossing is the only current live project under the sustainable transport measures programme. Sustrans are progressing with the detailed design and have produced a 'phased timeline plan' for the project. We anticipate the planning application is to be submitted by the end of March 2019.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued correspondence with landowners to gain access to sites - Commence site investigations. - Commence community engagement - Undertaken preliminary design - identify external match funding for the construction phase
<p>Infrastructure: A project to investigate the ambition of achieving 100% Fibre to the Premises/5G for Lowestoft has been initiated.</p> <p>Meetings have taken place with partners to discuss options for upgrading infrastructure to fibre to the premises (fttp) across Lowestoft. Indicative costs have been estimated in the region of £40million.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine requirements for building an economic case - Working with Suffolk Cloud project to identify how project can benefit from new FTTP infrastructure being implemented

Key Risks – A review of key risks is being undertaken and will be detailed in future reports.

Financial Issues - A review of financial issues is being undertaken and will be detailed in future reports.