

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing with an update on our Norwich Western Link project, to connect the A47 west of the city to Broadland Northway, and in doing so creating a continuous dual carriageway orbital route around Norwich.

The team have been working hard over the last few months to finalise the planning application. They are now at the stage of doing some final checks and we should be in a position to submit it in the next few weeks – the team will email you again once it has been submitted. After a validation period, the planning authority will then publish the planning application documents online and run a statutory public consultation, so everyone will have the opportunity to examine the proposals and comment on them should they wish to.

It's fantastic that we're making such good progress on this important project. This is coming just a few months after we secured a commitment from central government to fund the majority of the cost of the Norwich Western Link when ministers approved our Outline Business Case. This means more than £200 million of national investment coming into Norfolk, money that otherwise wouldn't be spent in our county and money that will help us to reduce traffic congestion and journey times, and improve road safety and travel for all kinds of journeys. The government have pledged to give us this money because they see what we see – that the Norwich Western Link is a great investment that will support businesses, boost the economy and improve the quality of life of people living in Norfolk.

With population and employment growth expected in the county, it's vital that we continue to invest in our infrastructure so that we have transport networks that are fit for the future. This is about planning ahead, being ambitious for Norfolk and making people's lives better.

Best wishes,

Graham

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