



# Positive response to bridge consultation



Consultation events in Gunton and Pakefield

**T**hank you to everyone who took part in the consultation which ran for seven weeks from 4 September – 23 October. The response was incredible, with over 1000 people completing the consultation questionnaire. The results have shown overwhelming support for a third crossing and very positive feedback in relation to the design and layout.

Peter Aldous, MP said “It is excellent to see so many people engaged in the project and having their say on this important piece of infrastructure for the East Anglia. The response we received shows how essential this project is to the community and for the local economy.”

Colin Noble, Leader of Suffolk County Council said “The project has taken a significant step forward thanks to all those who took part in the consultation. The views of the public are greatly appreciated and will help with the development of the scheme.”

Mark Bee, Leader of Waveney District Council said “The new bridge reflects Lowestoft’s growing status as a key location for renewable energy and will be a real talking point for the town. I am delighted with the initial feedback from the consultation and I am excited to see the project taking shape.”

The full set of consultation results will be available when we submit our application to the Planning Inspectorate in early 2018. You can read more about the next steps on the back of this newsletter.

## PROCUREMENT PROCESS

**W**e began the procurement process to appoint the design and build contractor for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing on Monday 30 October.

A contractor’s day was held at Riverside council offices on Tuesday 7 November for those who are interested in submitting a bid. The contractors were

provided with all the background information on the project and could ask questions.

The project team will be following a thorough process to appoint the right contractor for this hugely important infrastructure project for the eastern region and are likely to award the contract in summer 2018.



## GROUND INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE

**O**ur ground investigation team from Geosphere Environmental Ltd arrived on site at the end of July and started their investigations on the north side of Lake Lothing in August. In October site investigations started on the south side and in the Riverside Road area.



Shell and Auger rig used to obtain soil samples

The works include digging trial holes and deep boreholes both on land and in the water. The findings will help finalise the detailed design for the new bridge piers and foundations.

The ground investigation are on-going and progressing well.

## What is coming up?

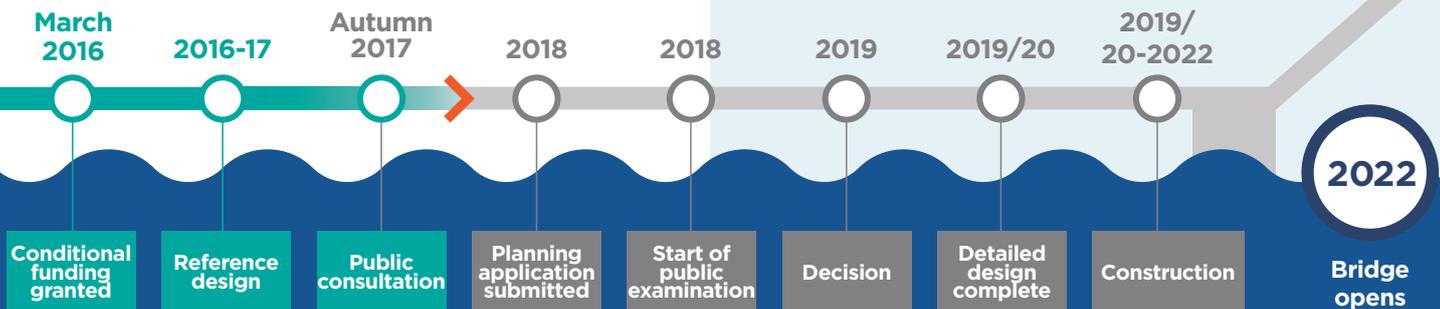
**T**he project team are now working with contractors WSP to analyse the consultation findings and prepare the application for development consent. The Development Consent Order (DCO) is effectively a planning application which includes plans for every single element of the scheme.

In the spring the application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) who will review the documentation on behalf of the Secretary of State. If the documentation is acceptable a date will be set for the public examination.

Public examination will take six months and the information will be placed in the public domain so statutory consultees and the public can make representations on the proposals. An inspector from PINS will review the representations and write a report stating if the scheme is acceptable for planning consent to be given.

The inspector's report will then be submitted to the Secretary of State who will decide whether to grant planning permission. This will take a maximum of three months.

## PROJECT PROGRESS



## FIND OUT MORE

**Email:** [lakelothing3rdcrossing@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:lakelothing3rdcrossing@suffolk.gov.uk)  
**Web:** [www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing)  
**Call:** 03456 318 842 (open Mon-Fri 8.30am-6pm)



If you need help to understand this information in another language please call 03456 066 067.

Se precisar de ajuda para ler estas informações em outra língua, por favor telefone para o número abaixo. 03456 066 067

Portuguese

Jeigu jums reikia šios informacijos kita kalba, paskambinkite 03456 066 067

Lithuanian

Jeżeli potrzebujesz pomocy w zrozumieniu tych informacji w swoim języku zadzwoń na podany poniżej numer. 03456 066 067

Polish

Daş şevçij revçile de şutor pentu a înţelege aceste informaşii într-o altă limbă, vă rugăm să telefonaţi la numărul 03456 066 067

Romanian

এই লেখাটি যদি অন্য ভাষাতে বুঝতে চান তাহলে নিজের নম্বরে ফোন করুন 03456 066 067

Bengali

Если вам не удалось понять эту информацию Вам нужна помощь на другом языке, пожалуйста, позвоните по телефону 03456 066 067

Russian

If you would like more information in another format, including audio or large print, please call 03456 066 067.

