

17 July 2015

**Via email**

John Dowie

Acting Director, General Roads, Traffic and Local Group

Department for Transport

Dear Mr Dowie

**Re: Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR)**

You will be aware that the NDR has now concluded its statutory processes following confirmation of the DCO by the Secretary of State. We have therefore been working hard to finalise the target cost for the project (we already have a contract with Balfour Beatty Civils Ltd) so that this can inform our full approval submission.

Whilst we still have to finalise the work to establish the target cost for the project, we are realising a potentially significant increase in the overall project costs, primarily related to construction inflation.

I have attached an email that David Allfrey (NCC) has sent to Charlie Sunderland in order to make him aware of the potential impacts on the project costs and approvals processes. You will see that this includes a request for some additional funding contribution by DfT.

I would really appreciate some time to meet with you to discuss the position we find ourselves in and to see whether there are some funding options we can develop and possibly agree to assist us in delivering this project, which is so significant to the growth agenda for the region and the delivery of our long term transport plans.

I am now on leave but will be returning on Monday 27 July and would hope to be able to meet with you, or discuss the details by phone if possible in that week. If possible, while I am away, please could you liaise with my PA Jen McConnell on [jen.mcconnell@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:jen.mcconnell@norfolk.gov.uk) who will be able to arrange my diary around a day/time to suit you.

Yours sincerely



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