

## Suffolk County Council meeting Thursday 10 July 2025, vote taken on Motion 3 as amended.

Motion 3 – Proposed by Councillor Sandy Martin and seconded by Councillor Rob Bridgeman.

Motion Text: Recognising the severe congestion caused by the current programme of partial closures of the Orwell Bridge, and the cost to the entire Suffolk economy, including the disruption to freight from Felixstowe, this County Council hereby commits to:

- 1) Affirming its resolve that a Northern Bypass (Ipswich Northern Route / INR) for other interventions for Ipswich should be built, to relieve traffic congestion in North Ipswich and in the villages north of Ipswich, and to provide an alternative for the A14 when the Orwell Bridge is not fully operational
- 2) Re-examining the work that has already been done to determine the best possible route for a Northern Bypass for Ipswich
- 3) Seek from government clarification that the Ely and Haughley rail junction improvements, the A12 Major Road Network (MRN) scheme, Fiveways interchange on the A11, and Copdock interchange on the A14 remain funding priorities and that the A12 Major Road Network (MRN) scheme is fully funded following the recent announcement.
- 4) Establish where the INR, if a funding priority for government, sits within this list of priorities.
- 5) Request clarification from the government if additional housing in the region of 15,000 homes, over and above existing allocations, is still required for delivery of the INR 2)
- 6) Write to the leaders of East Suffolk District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council asking what additional housing over existing allocations they would be prepared to deliver to facilitate an INR
- 7) Working with the MPs for Ipswich, Suffolk Coastal, and Central Suffolk and North Ipswich, and South Suffolk, to build a consensus for the way ahead, and to present a united case to the Department for Transport. 3)
- 8) Recognise that the new Mayor of Suffolk and Norfolk will have a key role in any business case for the INR.

<b>Total results</b>	
For	29
Against	12
Abstain	8

## Conservative Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Edward Back	For		
Peter Beer			
Bobby Bennett	For		
Stuart Bird	For		
Elaine Bryce		Against	
Stephen Burroughes			
Nadia Cenci	For		
Jenny Ceresa			
Chris Chambers	For		
Judy Cloke	For		
Andy Drummond			
Philip Faircloth-Mutton	For		
James Finch			
Jessica Fleming		Against	
Mick Fraser			
David Goldsmith	For		
Georgia Hall			
Liz Harsant			
Ryan Harvey			
T-J Haworth-Culf			
Matthew Hicks			Abstain
Rachel Hood			Abstain
Beccy Hopfensperger	For		
Michael Ladd	For		
Stuart Lawson			
Henry Lloyd	For		
Joe Mason	For		
Debbie McCallum			
Patti Mulcahy	For		
Sam Murray			
Alexander Nicoll			Abstain
Colin Noble	For		
Kay Oakes			
James Reeder	For		
Andrew Reid	For		
Debbie Richards			Abstain
David Roach	For		
Keith Robinson	For		
Richard Rout	For		
Richard Smith MVO	For		
Karen Soons			
Heike Sowa	For		
Joanna Spicer	For		
Lance Stanbury			Abstain
Jamie Starling			
Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro			

Paul West	For		
Steve Wiles	For		
Nathan Wilson	For		

### **Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group**

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Seamus Bennett			Abstain
Jessie Carter		Against	
Annette Dunning		Against	
Simon Harley			
Richard Kemp			
Ruth Leach		Against	
Ash Lever			
Robert Lindsay		Against	
Inga Lockington		Against	
Victor Lukaniuk			
Andy Mellen		Against	
Penny Otton		Against	
Keith Scarff		Against	
Andrew Stringer		Against	
Caroline Topping			Abstain
Keith Welham			

### **Labour Group**

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Rob Bridgeman	For		
Peter Byatt	For		
Adele Cook	For		
Elizabeth Farrow			
Sandy Martin	For		
Lucy Smith			

### **Ungrouped Independent Councillors**

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Peter Thompson			
David Nettleton			

### **Ungrouped Reform UK Councillors**

<b>Councillor's Name</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Christopher Hudson		Against	
Martin Robinson			Abstain