Lake Lothing
THIRD CROSING

HAVE YOUR SAY
on a new crossing over Lake Lothing from Waveney Drive to Peto Way

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Monday 4 September – Monday 16 October 2017

We want your views on the proposals
Introduction

Suffolk County Council is seeking your views on our proposals for a new crossing over Lake Lothing in Lowestoft.

The existing bridges over the lake at Mutford Lock and the A47 Bascule Bridge are inadequate to meet current and future traffic demand. Delays and congestion are a common occurrence for drivers, particularly during peak hours, and pedestrians and cyclists often have long and difficult journeys as they travel across the town.

A crossing will open up opportunities for regeneration and create a new link between north and south Lowestoft.

This new crossing presents an opportunity to introduce a focal point for the town, enhancing its identity. This will help to regenerate the area and attract new investment in the local economy.

This is a significant project for Lowestoft and it is important residents, businesses, landowners and all those affected by, or interested in, the project have their say.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT

Our proposals for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing aim to improve journeys and connectivity, help meet the aspirations for economic prosperity and provide a new feature in the town for all users to enjoy for years to come.

The project will include a new multi-span bridge from Waveney Drive to Peto Way. The bridge will be a single carriageway road with facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

The proposed design includes new roundabouts to the north and south of the lake to help connect the traffic smoothly into the existing road network, as well as provide public spaces for people to enjoy.

Changes to the road layout include a new access from Waveney Drive to Riverside Business Park and closure of Durban Road at its junction with Waveney Drive.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

We aim to minimise impacts on the environment, local communities, local businesses, road users and residents as much as possible.

As part of the consultation, a report called the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) has been produced to give information about the potential environmental effects and measures to reduce them. This report and the Non-Technical Summary can be viewed online or at the consultation events.
Your Local Consultation Events

We are holding a series of events to provide an opportunity to meet the project team and ask questions. Everyone who is interested in the project is welcome to attend any of our drop-in events.

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| Gunton Estate Community Hall  
Hollingsworth Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 4AY | Tuesday 5 September 2017 | 12noon – 7pm |
| Lowestoft Library  
Clapham Road South, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DR | Saturday 9 September 2017 | 10.30am – 4.30pm |
| Spinnaker Room (Kessingland Library)  
Marram Green, Hall Road, Kessingland, Suffolk, NR33 7AH | Tuesday 12 September 2017 | 2.30pm – 7.30pm |
| Kirkley Centre  
154 London Road South, Lowestoft, NR33 0AZ | Thursday 14 September 2017 | 1pm – 7.30pm |
| Waveney District Council  
Council Offices, Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR33 0EX | Friday 22 September 2017 | 2pm – 7pm |
| Commodore Mission Hall  
26 Gorleston Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 3AG | Monday 25 September 2017 | 2pm – 7pm |
| St Marks Church,  
Bridge Road, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR33 9JX | Friday 29 September 2017 | 1pm – 7pm |

You can also view information at the deposit locations below during normal opening hours:

Waveney District Council  
Council Offices, Riverside, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR33 0EX

Lowestoft Library  
Clapham Road South, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DR

Oulton Broad Library  
Bridge Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 3LR

Waveney District Council - Marina Customer Service Centre  
Marina, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1HH

Kessingland Library  
Marram Green, Hall Road, Kessingland, Suffolk, NR33 7AH

Suffolk County Council  
Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX

View documents and complete a questionnaire from 4 September at www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing
The consultation is your opportunity to express your views on the project. This consultation will run for six weeks from **Monday 4 September – Monday 16 October 2017**.

**PLANNING APPLICATION PROCESS**

The Secretary of State for Transport has directed that Lake Lothing Third Crossing is to be treated as a Project of National Significance for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008. As such, we are required to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to obtain permission to construct, operate and maintain the project.

Following the formal public consultation, we will carefully consider all responses received and produce a report on the consultation.

This report will form part of our DCO application, to the Secretary of State.

The Planning Inspectorate will examine the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will decide on whether or not the project will go ahead.

We currently intend to make our application for development consent in early 2018.

**PROJECT PROGRESS**

- **March 2016**: Conditional funding granted
- **2016-17**: Reference design
- **Autumn 2017**: Public consultation
- **2018**: Planning application submitted
- **2018**: Start of public examination
- **2019**: Decision
- **2019/20**: Detailed design complete
- **2019/20-2022**: Construction
- **2022**: Bridge opens

**Contact the project team**

**Email**: lakelothing3rdcrossing@suffolk.gov.uk  **Call**: 03456 031 842 (open Mon-Fri 8.30am-6pm)

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

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Have your say

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Your comments

Between **Monday 4 September, 12.01am and Monday 16 October 2017, 11.59pm** you can use the following methods to respond to the public consultation:

- Go online to access the consultation documents and fill out a questionnaire at: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/lakelothing3rdcrossing)
- Complete a questionnaire or send other feedback to us at:
  
  LL3X Consultation Team
  
  Freepost RTUL-KAKE-BCTR
  
  PO Box 73943 (Lake Lothing)
  
  London
  
  EC4P 4HN

- View and pick up consultation documents and a questionnaire at Lowestoft, Oulton Broad and Kessingland Libraries, the council offices at Riverside, Waveney District Council’s Marina Customer Service Centre or Suffolk County Council’s Endeavour House in Ipswich.

- Attend a public consultation event and complete a questionnaire or leave one at a deposit location.

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