Appendix 1

## March 2019: Update on Major Infrastructure Projects and PRoW

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Project	Current Status	PRoW Implications	NLAF involvement
Hornsea Project Three – Offshore Wind farm and ancillary onshore grid connection (Orsted; 2.4 GW)	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) Examination first hearing session held in December 2018; End date of examination on 02/04/2018.	The project interacts with PRoW at 30 locations, including the England Coast Path, Peddars Way, Marriott's Way, 18 Public Footpaths, 9 bridleways, and two restricted bridleways, Regional Cycle Route 30, and National Cycle Route 1.	
	Second round of questions received by Planning Inspectorate in March 2019. Second round of Hearings scheduled for 27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2019.	In almost all cases, with the notable exception of the England Coast Path at Weybourne, the cable will be laid under PROW using horizontal directional drilling. Where there will be an interface between users of these routes and construction traffic, management measures will be put in place in accordance with the Construction Traffic Management Plan. There will be no permanent closures of any PRoW. No additional PRoW related matters have arisen following First Rd of questions.	
Norfolk Vanguard - Offshore Wind Farm and ancillary onshore	NSIP Preliminary Examination Meeting was held on 10/12/18.	The project interacts with PRoW at 45 locations, including Weavers Way, Paston Way, Marriott's Way, Wensum Way, three public bridleways, three restricted	

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Second round of questions received by Planning Inspectorate 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019. NCC has responded	Disruption to any PRoW will be managed by the Principal Contractor to ensure safe access for members of the public. Management methods will be agreed in advance with the Local Authority and detailed within the final Code of Construction Practice (CoCP). Methods available include appropriately fenced (unmanned) crossing points, manned crossing points, and temporary alternative routes. There will be no permanent closures of any PRoW. Inspectorate asked a single Second Rd Question in relation to PRoW: <i>"Horizontal Directional Drillling is not proposed at the crossings of two further Norfolk Trails, the Wensum Way and Weaver's Way, nor the majority of the crossing points of the general Public Rights of Way (PRoW) network. Do you agree that the County Council as the Highways Authority should be the relevant local authority to garee the management of PRoW's</i>	
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<b>Boreas</b> - Offshore Wind Farm and ancillary onshore grid	NSIP c.12 months behind Norfolk Vanguard	The project will use the same cable corridors as the Vanguard Project. Additional impacts on PRoW are likely to	
connection (Vattenfall; 1.8 GW)	S42 PEIR consultation concluded on 11.12.18.	be minimal.	
EAOW One and Two	<b>NSIP</b> Section 42 consultation will commence in late January 2019.	Landfall of electricity cables and grid connection will be in Suffolk. No impacts on Norfolk PRoW are likely.	
Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling Scheme	NSIP NCC formally responded to the S42 (PEIR) Consultation on 12.10.18.	Burlingham FP3 has been identified as being directly affected by the proposed scheme, as has a section of permissive footpath that forms part of Burlingham	If the NLAF agrees it would like to be formally consulted on the scheme it needs to contact Highways England to be placed on
(Highways England Scheme)	S56 DCO – Consultation anticipated Spring 2019.	Woodland walks. The A47 currently bisects two potential routes, Blofield FP4a to Blofield FP4 and Burlingham FP1 to Burlingham FP3. Due to no formal crossing points and high volume of traffic, the A47 the road acts as a barrier to not motorised users.	the list of consultees.
		The proposed scheme includes the provision of a new route in the form of a combined footway/cycleway between Blofield and North Burlingham via the existing A47 and the proposed Blofield Overbridge. The current permissive path which runs parallel to the existing A47 at North Burlingham will be provided to the south of proposed alignment of the A47 and a new access track to the south of the proposed A47 will provide a connection	

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		between the proposed Blofield Overbridge and Burlingham FP3.	
A47 / A11 Thickthorn Junction Improvement (Highways England Scheme)	<b>NSIP</b> S42 consultation on PEIR delayed. Unclear as to new timetable	There is an existing crossing for non- motorised users at this junction and Highways England is anticipating retaining this feature which is a well-used facility. Issues and opportunities for PRoW will become apparent in due course as Highways England further develops plans.	If the NLAF agrees it would like to be formally consulted on the scheme it needs to contact Highways England to be placed on the list of consultees.
A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Dualling Scheme (Highways England Scheme)	NSIP S42 (PEIR) Consultation anticipated Spring 2019 but may be delayed	There are PRoW in the general area of the current 'preferred option'. Issues and opportunities for PRoW will become apparent in due course as Highways England further develops plans.	If the NLAF agrees it would like to be formally consulted on the scheme it needs to contact Highways England to be placed on the list of consultees.
Third River Crossing – Great Yarmouth (Norfolk County Council Scheme)	NSIP Section 42 statutory consultation ended 09.12.18 DCO submission anticipated March 2019; Examination anticipated during summer/ autumn 2019. Approval by Secretary of State anticipated 2020.	No PRoW directly affected. The plans for the new bridge includes opportunities for walking and cycling improvements to help improve links for non-motorised users through the settlement.	If the NLAF agrees it would like to be formally consulted on the scheme it needs to contact Norfolk County Council (Highways, major schemes team) to be placed on the list of consultees.
Norwich Western Link (Norfolk County Council Scheme)	Maybe a <b>NSIP</b> (yet to be agreed) Formal consultation on 4 routes on- going (closes 18.01.18);	Currently no route has been selected. There are some public rights of way in the general areas under consideration. Issues and opportunities for PRoW will become	If the NLAF agrees it would like to be formally consulted on the scheme it needs to contact Norfolk County Council (Highways, major

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	Preferred solution expected June 2019.	apparent as the County Council and its main contractor develop plans.	schemes team) to be placed on the list of consultees.
Long Stratton Bypass (Developer-funded Scheme)	Planning application to be determined by South Norfolk Council Planning application submitted, decision expected in coming months.	Six public rights of way will be intersected by the proposed bypass. PRoW will be dealt with as part of the planning application. There are evolving plans that include one 'at grade' crossing at the southern end of the bypass for pedestrians, and two bridges for non-motorised users. The planning application includes the creation of circular walks. Norfolk County Council are undertaking the legal orders process.	A paper will be brought to the NLAF on PROW aspects at the July meeting by Environment Team