

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Norwich Western Link Project

I'm really pleased to tell you that we will be launching our fourth public consultation on our Norwich Western Link project later this month.

The date for your diaries is Monday 15 August, which is when the Pre-Planning Application Public Consultation will launch, and it will close eight weeks later at midnight on Sunday 9 October. The consultation will give people the opportunity to view more details on the design of the route, including the viaduct over the River Wensum, as well as complementary measures being proposed as part of the project. We're keen to share this information with you and get your feedback so we can consider it before we finalise and submit the planning application, which we intend to do next year.

We'll be holding a number of local consultation events during the consultation period, where people can come and view information on display and discuss the proposals with members of the project team. These events will be held at:

- Barnham Broom Village Hall on Friday 2 September (12-8pm)**
- The Costessey Centre on Friday 9 September (1-8pm)**
- Weston Longville Hall for All on Thursday 15 September (12-8pm)**
- Felthorpe Village Hall on Thursday 22 September (12-8pm)**

I'll try to make it along to as many of these as possible, so I might see you there. And if you can't make any of these dates or venues, there will also be opportunities for people to speak to members of the project team about the proposals via bookable online and phone appointments.

Once the consultation launches, people will be able to view information on the proposals via the Norfolk County Council website at www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl. I'll email you again on the day of the launch with more information, including how you can take part. In the meantime, we would appreciate any help you can give us to spread the word about the consultation and the events so that anyone with any interest in the project has the chance to give us their views.

Launching this consultation will get us closer to submitting the planning application and ultimately to our goal of starting construction in late 2024 and opening the road for use in late 2026. I'm looking forward to sharing more details with you and everyone.

**Cllr Martin Wilby
Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure
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