



Ipswich Northern Route news release:

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Details announced for the Ipswich Northern Route consultation

Members of the public are invited to have their say on the potential options for the Ipswich Northern Route when the consultation officially begins on 5 July 2019.

The public are being asked to comment on three proposed routes for the new road to the north of Ipswich. The consultation is being jointly developed by Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Borough, East Suffolk and Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils. It is also supported by West Suffolk Council.

The consultation information and questionnaire will be available online and will run for ten weeks from Friday 5 July until Friday 13 September 2019. During this time eleven drop-in sessions will be held throughout July where members of the public can find out about the project and speak with the team.

Here are the details for the remaining events:

Saturday July 13	Woodbridge Community Hall	10am – 3pm
Tuesday July 16	Kesgrave War Memorial C.C.	3pm – 7pm
Wednesday July 17	Witnesham Village Hall	3pm – 7pm
Friday July 19	Coddenham Community Centre	3pm – 7pm
Saturday July 20	Ipswich Library	10am – 3pm
Monday July 22	Tithe Barn, Sproughton	3pm – 7pm
Tuesday July 23	Henley Community Centre	4pm – 8pm
Friday July 26	Martlesham Pavilion	3pm – 7pm
Saturday July 27	Claydon & Barham C.C.	10am – 3pm

More information about the proposals, the information events and how to take part in the consultation can be found on the Ipswich Northern Route website from Friday 5 July: www.ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk

Suffolk County Council’s Leader, Matthew Hicks, said:

“I promised earlier this year that we would keep residents informed about our shared plans for the Ipswich Northern Route consultation. Today we are announcing the timescale for this starting on the 5th of July.

There are a number of opportunities for people to attend information events, to talk with the project team about the proposals. We are also encouraging as many people as possible to take part in our online consultation once it begins.

The public consultation will inform the Strategic Outline Business Case and will assist us in considering the next steps.”

Councillor Suzie Morley, Leader of Mid Suffolk District Council, said: "Traffic delays in and around Ipswich have an impact on everyone in the area, and that's why we at Mid Suffolk welcome this work on the consultation on a new relief road.

Many people outside Ipswich know what it's like to be caught in traffic on the A roads outside the town, and I'd urge everyone to take part in this consultation and give their views on the proposals."

Councillor John Ward, Leader of Babergh District Council, said: "A new road that helps cut down on congestion and travel times on our county's road network when this important strategic route is blocked isn't just a benefit for Ipswich, but for all of Suffolk.

We in Babergh are certainly familiar with the congestion along the A12 and A14 at Copdock, Wherstead and Belstead when the Orwell Bridge is closed. I hope everyone takes part in this consultation and I am certainly looking forward to giving feedback on the proposals."

Councillor Steve Gallant, Leader of East Suffolk Council, said: "This is an important scheme which will have a significant impact on residents' right across Suffolk and particularly those in the south of our district.

With this in mind, I hope as many people as possible will take part in the consultation to ensure that their views are heard and can be considered."

Councillor David Ellesmere, Leader of Ipswich Borough Council, said: "A Northern Bypass is a priority infrastructure project for Ipswich and I know that for many people in the town it cannot come soon enough.

I would urge everyone to respond to the Ipswich Northern Route survey giving their views so that this project can move on to the next stage."

Councillor John Griffiths, Leader of West Suffolk Council, said: "Moving people, goods and data across Suffolk is vital to make sure we have a thriving economy and prosperity for our communities.

Many residents and businesses in West Suffolk travel to, through or past Ipswich and making that journey easier is important for the economy of West Suffolk and the county. The A14 is an international trade route for the UK and a vital artery for West Suffolk where we, with partners, have been and are lobbying for improvements. I would urge people to take part in this consultation and make sure you have your say."

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