

BRIEFING NOTE

Subject:	SUDBURY BYPASS
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This briefing note provides an update on the content and programme for the current work on the Sudbury Bypass.

In 2015 a desktop review of the bypass area was undertaken as part of a re-evaluation of the Sudbury Bypass route. This included an assessment of the environmental constraints, considerations for an alternative route as well as a preliminary cost analysis of the existing and potential routes.

This work was used to produce a high level strategic business case, based around the themes of WebTag. This business case drew from the information available from previous assessments of the Sudbury Bypass. The findings were presented in a report that outlined the updated costs and benefits of the scheme and also confirmed the potential for a new bypass route.

The desktop based assessment and business case highlighted the need to collect new information. Previous work on the scheme was done in 2003 and is outdated. In addition to that, the original alignment was problematic because of the severe environmental impact.

This stage will build upon the work undertaken in 2015 and will:

- undertake new environmental surveys to identify non – sensitive areas that are suitable for development and increase our understanding of the environmental constraints in the area,
- assess journey time savings for the bypass options using Suffolk County Council's county wide model (SATURN)
- Prepare drawings to facilitate a more accurate cost estimate and
- re-evaluate the costs and benefits.

The new by-pass could be a key piece of infrastructure to enable growth in the region, this could in turn provide significant bypass related benefits supporting the case for delivery. The scope of the current scheme will therefore include:

1. Discuss Babergh District Council's potential growth expectations for Sudbury and the surrounding area,
2. Map potential development sites
3. Undertake an early evaluation these sites.

The business case will be updated to reflect this work.

The objectives of this stage are to:

- Confirm the environmental constraints (establish what has changed since 2003, if the impacts are the same or different);
- Re-evaluate the journey time savings and benefits of the bypass,
- Understand the potential for growth in Sudbury
- Update the business case.

The scope of work for this stage of the Sudbury Bypass is broken down by discipline (further detail of the tasks is shown in the attached document):

Environmental	Highways	Modelling	Transport Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of landowners to seek permission to survey land. • Extended phase 1 habitat survey. (on site) • Landscape & heritage survey (desk study). • Environmental coordination and other studies. • Identification of non- sensitive areas that could be developed as a result of the bypass. • Meeting with EA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C2 searches • Preliminary design of bypass alignment. • Design risk register. • High level cost estimate for bypass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model existing and alternative route • Produce journey time savings. • Test the impact of development areas on the local road network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with district council. • Map potential development areas. • Evaluating potential development areas. • Updated business case.

The programme is for this piece of work to be delivered in December 2016.

The scheme is being funded by the New Anglia LEP and is estimated to cost £100,000

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