

Planning Applications Committee Meeting held on Monday 24th June 2024, in Suite 2 in Taverham Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm, when there were present:

Mr Tony Yousefian in the Chair

Mrs Linda Barrington-Smith  
Mrs Brenda Clarke  
Mrs Jo Ellis

Mr Ben Knights  
Mrs Janet Latchford

**Also present:** District Councillor Karimi-Ghovanlou, 2 members of the public and Clerk.

**Apologies for absence:** The Council received Councillor Dack's apology for absence.

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**The Minutes of the Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Jun 2024** were confirmed and signed.

**Report Items:** None

**The Meeting was advised of the District Council decisions on previous applications:**

- 2024/1295. Tinklewood, Nightingale Drive, Taverham, Norfolk, NR8 6TN. Single storey side extension – Approval
- 2024/1260. Appennine, Nightingale Drive, Taverham, Norfolk, NR8 6TN. Single storey rear extension and new roof dormer with exterior cladding uplift - Approval

**The following new Applications were considered:**

- FUL/2024/0022. Land between the A1270 Broadland Northway near Ringland and the A47 near Honningham: Development of approximately 6km of the Norwich Western Link Road connecting the A1067 (Fakenham Road) with the new A47 North Tuddenham to Easton scheme (being developed by National Highways), including the construction of a new roundabout junction with the A1067 Fakenham Road, improvements to the A1067 Fakenham Road and the roundabout junction with the A1270 Broadland Northway. Structures include a new viaduct carrying the Norwich Western Link over the River Wensum, a new underpass at Ringland Lane, the provision of a green bridge carrying the Broadway over the Norwich Western Link, three further green bridges, wildlife crossings, and culverting of a tributary to the River Tud. Related works include the stopping up, diversion, improvement and provision of side roads, new walking cycling and horse-riding provision, the stopping up, replacement and provision of new private means of access, and ancillary landscaping, ecological mitigation, surface water drainage system, flood compensation, bunds, other environmental mitigation, diversion and protection of apparatus and temporary works to facilitate construction, and the change of use of the premises known as Low Farm as offices (class E), and other ancillary works. : Highways Team Norfolk County Council.  
The Parish Council has been in support of the road and has been involved in all consultation meetings.

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The following comments were raised:

- Concern about the need to have such a high viaduct and how the road will be financed.
- Most local residents are in support of the road.
- Wensum Valley is a unique environment which the road will destroy.
- There is no mitigation run off points over the existing bridges at Taverham and Attlebridge but the viaduct will have run off points.
- It was felt that the link road would alleviate problems for residents getting out of Taverham.
- Ringland Hills road has widened every year just through usage.
- Safeguarding the environment is more important than economic.
- Habitats that cannot be recreated will be destroyed.
- Human health away from lorries is important.
- Public transport system is not good enough to reduce car journeys.
- Would like voids to be built into viaduct (similar to the bridge in Austin, Texas to allow bats to be able to roost).

**RESOLVED** – No objection – 3 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions

Signed .....

Date .....