

**Norfolk County Council
Member for Necton and Launditch
Report July 2022**

Dualling of the A47: The Secretary of State (SoS) has approved the proposed National Highways improvements to the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham which will provide a 1.6 mile stretch of dual carriageway with associated grade separated junctions and overbridges. The projected cost of the project is £50-100m.

The SoS is considering the Development Consent Order (DCO) for the proposed dualling of the A47 between Tuddenham and Easton and is due to make his decision in late August. The new dual carriageway will be 6.1 miles long and consist of a grade separated junction at Wood Lane and removal of the Honingham and Easton roundabouts.

NCC have lobbied for the improvements to the A47 to boost the economic prosperity of the county through its membership of the A47 Alliance which has a membership consisting of representatives from all the councils on the A47 from Peterborough to Gt Yarmouth.

The National Highways website has a “fly through” visual interpretation of both the schemes described above.

Norwich Western Link: Last Monday the NCC cabinet reaffirmed commitment to completing the so-called Western Link. This 3.9 miles of dual carriageway will join the Broadland Northway (A1067) and the A47. The new Wood Lane junction on the dualled A47 will provide the access to the A47. Crossing the environmentally sensitive Wensum valley will pose problems, and no doubt significant protest, but NCC is confident that such concerns can be mitigated. The new road will reduce traffic through the villages between the A1067 and the A47 which are currently subject to high traffic volumes due to “rat running”. Since the construction of the Broadland Northway traffic volumes on the B1145 have increased and the new link road will reduce this traffic flow.

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