



Campaign to Protect
Rural England
NORFOLK

For the attention of Mr Ranjit Mistry
The Secretary of State for Transport
Highways Agency
Woodlands
Manton Lane
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8 January, 2010

Dear Secretary of State,

**A47 Trunk Road (Postwick Interchange Side Roads and Slip Roads)
Orders**

CPRE Norfolk Broadland District objects to the above draft Orders and wish to be registered as an objector. Your name has been brought to my attention by a fellow objector.

The grounds of our objection are as follows:

1. The closure of the existing exit and entry slip roads on the eastbound carriageway of the A47 (T) Norwich Southern Bypass which connect the A47 Trunk Road with the A1042 Yarmouth Road and their replacement by new slip roads, roundabouts, link roads, a signalized junction and second A47 overbridge would replace the simple existing layout with an extensive, costly and much less convenient and unsafe arrangement.
2. Depending on the direction of travel, drivers heading for east or north-east Norwich, Great Yarmouth or the proposed Broadland Gate business park would be forced to negotiate a string of roundabouts. As well as increasing journey distances and travel times, the extra mileage would use more fuel, generating carbon dioxide emissions and pollution.
3. The draft Orders are an initial step by Norfolk County Council to build the first stage of a proposed Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NNDR), in advance of any public examination of the principle of this major road scheme. There is no planning application, never mind an outline approval or pending s106 agreement for this road at this time. There is no guarantee that a NNDR would be built due to cuts in public spending at local, regional and national level. In this event, the large-scale upgrading of Postwick Interchange would be a wasteful use of public funds.

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The Campaign to Protect Rural England exists to promote the beauty, tranquillity and diversity of rural England by encouraging the sustainable use of land and other natural resources in town and country.

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Please hold a public inquiry into the draft Orders so that these matters can be considered.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Woolnough
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