



Our ref:JRU/BTNB/0124

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Dear Sir/Madam

A47 Schemes – claimant appeal of judicial review

Following our correspondence in November, I would like to provide you with further detail on the work that National Highways intends to continue in relation to the three schemes on the A47 near Norwich.

As a reminder, those three schemes are:

- New dual carriageway and junctions on A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham (www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A47blofield)
- New dual carriageway and junctions on A47 between North Tuddenham and Easton (www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A47tuddenham)
- Redevelopment of A47 Thickthorn junction, where the A11 meets the A47 south of Norwich (www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A47thickthorn).

On 18 October, the Court of Appeal granted the claimant a right to have his appeal heard in the Court of Appeal. The hearing will take place on 16 January 2024, with the final judgment handed down some weeks later at the discretion of the court.

Let me also take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to deliver these plans. We remain confident that our work can provide significant improvements to both safety and congestion on the A47, as well as helping to boost the regional economy.

Since our last communication, we have been assessing the implications of the appeal and planning for a successful outcome of the legal process.

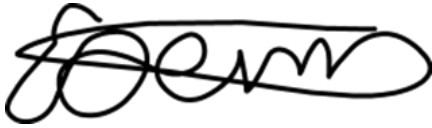
The A47 Thickthorn junction scheme was already in a retendering process to ensure we deliver best value for our customers and stakeholders. This is going well, and we do not envisage any significant impacts or changes. The project team is currently conducting minor work, including environmental monitoring activity. Work is not expected to commence in earnest until the legal process is completed and the new supplier is on board.

For the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham and A47 Tuddenham to Easton schemes, we have completed a number of preconstruction works such as archaeology, surveys

and utilities. Our contractors are in place and we will be ready to re-commence works once the legal process is concluded.

Thank you for your continued support and patience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EMMA', written in a cursive style.

Emily Morgan-Ashley, Project Manager at National Highways