A46 Newark Bypass

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Logistics UK's response to consultation

Logistics UK welcomes and fully supports the A46 Newark Bypass scheme proposal to widen 6.5km of the existing single carriageway to a dual carriageway and provide two lanes in each direction between Farndon and Winthorpe roundabouts near Newark-on-Trent. As the only remaining single carriageway section of this key strategic trunk road serving the East Coast ports, road freight operators will welcome the improved journey time reliability the bypass will provide for efficient logistics operations in this area of the A46 corridor.

We are pleased to see that the A46 and A1 will remain open during daytime hours, and whilst we recognise the need for occasional overnight closures, it is vital that all overnight closures are well publicised and that suitable diversion routes able to accommodate the largest heavy goods vehicles are put in place. Information about the diversion must be made available online and to commercial satellite navigation systems supported with clear roadside signage, and this information must be made available as soon as possible to ensure freight operators have sufficient time to plan alternative routes to minimise adverse operational impacts.

About Logistics UK

Logistics UK is one of Britain's largest business groups and the only one providing a voice for the entirety of the UK's logistics sector. Our role, on behalf of over 20,000 members, is to enhance the safety, efficiency and sustainability of freight movement throughout the supply chain, across all transport modes. Logistics UK members operate over 200,000 goods vehicles - almost half the UK fleet - and some one million liveried vans. In addition, they consign over 90 per cent of the freight moved by rail and over 70 per cent of sea and air freight.

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