

Navigation Committee

15 April 2021

Agenda item number 8

Summary of actions and outstanding issues following discussions at previous meetings

Title	Meeting date	Lead officer	Summary of actions	Progress so far	Target date
Network Rail Whole Life Strategy	19/10/2017	John Packman	Network Rail Whole Life Strategy planning for swing bridges and replacing Trowse Swing Bridge with fixed bridge.	<p>May 2020: Following sensor replacement works at Somerleyton, Reedham & Oulton, Network Rail believes operational reliability of these bridges will be improved. As we enter Summer 2020 we will monitor opening and breakdowns to ascertain this reliability. BA and NR continue to discuss swing bridge issues. BA also in Working Group with Norfolk County Council, Norwich City Council, LEP, NR and Greater Anglia working on Trowse Bridge issues and gathering wider support and funding for replacement/ better operational reliability of this bridge.</p> <p>July 2020: Trowse Rail Bridge Working Group continuing to meet. Next phase of project is to meet with Train Services Director for Southeastern - meeting to include spokespeople from working group, incl. John Packman. Further updates provided when meeting date confirmed.</p> <p>Sept 2020: BA written officially to Norfolk County Council regarding Haven Bridge, Great Yarmouth.</p> <p>Dec 2020: Update provided in CEO report (14/01/2021): Authority officers are involved in meetings to discuss the future of Trowse Swing Bridge and the development opportunities in East Norwich presented by three large brownfield sites, namely the Carrow Works, the Deal Ground and the Utilities Site. The Chief Executive and Director of Operations are members of a working group looking at the Trowse Bridge (along with Network Rail, Abellio Greater Anglia, Norfolk County Council, Norwich City Council and New Anglia). The Head of Planning and the Senior Planning Officer sit on another group looking at the development sites. There is an important relationship between the two issues and our officers are making sure that navigation interests are considered.</p> <p>Mar 2021: Director of Operations met with Network Rail to discuss a multi-million pound refurbishment of the swing bridges (Reedham, Somerleyton & Oulton) due to commence in 2022. The NR scheme will see the lifting and turning mechanisms replaced to make the operation of opening and closing the swing bridges more reliable. At the start up meeting the BA asked if the thermal expansion to the bridges in warm weather could also be addressed. This is currently being considered by Network Rail. The BA are working with NR on communications, work planning and managing the navigation.</p>	
Planning application with navigation implications:	17/01/2019	Rob Rogers	Lease arrangements and repiling at Burgh Castle for reinstatement of free 24-hour moorings.	Following exempt paper considered at Navigation Committee and Broads Authority, officers presented landowner with series of options on alternative Burgh Castle mooring site, based on recommendations in exempt report.	

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BA/2018/0466/FUL – Land at Burgh Castle – BFAP Compartment 34				<p>16 Jan 2020: Members supported 99-year lease agreement, including BA taking on full responsibility for piling structure.</p> <p>21 Jan 2020: Management Team agreed 99-year lease at peppercorn rent and for BA to take full responsibility for piling structure at Burgh Castle moorings.</p> <p>27 May 2020: Development and improvements at Belton Reach (new name for Burgh Castle's moved mooring location) progressing from operational planning perspective, but project deferred to 2021/2022 due to Covid-19 impact on funding issues.</p> <p>15 Dec 2020: Following funding review by Environment Agency, plans to pile original Burgh Castle mooring site reinstated - EA negotiating site access with landowner with view to start pilings works this winter. Separate negotiation taking place between BA and landowner to agree terms of lease for site to enable operation as BA 24-hour free mooring.</p> <p>30 Mar 2021: Environment Agency contractors on site and re-piling of Burgh Castle underway. Summary discussions held with landowner's Solicitor and draft lease for site under consideration.</p>	
Feedback on Navigation Committee appointment process	13/06/2019	John Packman	Areas identified for improvement in co-opted member appointment process; members discussed list of user organisations consulted as part of process, for feedback to officers.	Member feedback suggested grouping organisations by interest rather than consulting large list of individual organisations. Any formal changes to process will be presented to the Broads Authority to adopt for future appointments.	01/09/2022
Safety by the water - draft guide	05/09/2019	Natalie Beal	Draft guide being produced to support Broads Local Plan. Members suggested guide be reviewed by BA solicitor for advice on adding disclaimer at beginning of document.	Navigation Committee feedback will be reported to Planning Committee; final draft guide will be shared with Navigation Committee for review before guide is adopted by BA. To be reported to future Navigation Committee.	
Landscapes Review	16/01/2020	John Packman	Navigation Committee asked to comment on BA's proposed response to Landscapes Review (Glover report) - to be reported to BA meeting on 31 Jan 2020.	<p>31 Jan 20: BA report on Landscapes Review Proposal 27: A new financial model – more money, more secure, more enterprising; "unnecessary complexities, such as the requirement for the Broads Authority to account for income and expenditure from National Park Grant separately ... should be addressed." BA draft response is that it would be a Government decision whether to combine the finances and the BA would await the Government's response.</p> <p>Dec 2020: Still awaiting Government response.</p>	

Date of report: 26 March 2021