

Appendix B: Response to consultation

Table A.1 – Summary of responses to consultation and stakeholder engagement on the air quality action plan

Consultee	Category	Response
National Highways	Statutory	Supportive of the action plan. Air quality management priorities and action plan measures would not have any predicted adverse impact on the Strategic Road Network.
Suffolk County Council	Statutory	<p><u>Environmental Health:</u></p> <p>The Action Plan fails to reduce reliance on cars or promote alternative routes from new developments.</p> <p>Restricting traffic, particularly HGVs, through Great Barton could be tricky as vehicles would be displaced to lower category roads.</p> <p>Great Barton has a high number of people aged 50-74, a group identified by the Chief Medical Officer as being more vulnerable to poor air quality.</p> <p><u>Highways:</u></p> <p>Supportive of the traffic management feasibility report which should provide a useful first step to discover which measures may be suitable for Great Barton.</p>

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Green Ixworth	Public	<p>In support of a reduction in speed limit to 20mph through Great Barton. Supportive of a Great Barton bypass – ‘dismissal of the first and best option, a bypass, is a mistake’</p> <p>The Action Plan fails to recognise the scale of additional traffic to be generated by proposed commercial, industrial and residential developments.</p> <p>In support of the priorities and measures proposed but considers their effectiveness low due to the requirement of significant voluntary contribution from commercial and residential developments.</p> <p>Believes no new significant commercial, industrial or residential developments should be permitted along the A143, including those included within the 2031 West Suffolk Plan, until sufficient road capacity is provided.</p> <p>Suggested improvements to bus services and travel plans for local schools.</p> <p>Suggestion of a Low Emission Zone for the A143.</p>
Environment Agency	Statutory	Support practicable re-routing measures that could minimise impacts from traffic.

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Great Barton Parish Council	Public	<p>Raised concerns regarding a significant increase in HGV movements due to the proposed Pakenham Fen Meadows.</p> <p>Wishes for pollution levels during peak times to be tested rather than an average concentration.</p> <p>In support of a Great Barton bypass.</p>
Great Barton Primary School	Public	<p>Hold concerns with the number of HGVs travelling on the A143. Parents generally drive pupils to school due to the not feeling safe whilst walking along the A143 which adds to the congestion through Great Barton.</p> <p>Reducing HGV number should be the priority for the Action Plan.</p>
Residents inside AQMA	Public	<p>Three responses –</p> <p>Two responses raised concerns with the number of HGVs travelling through the area.</p> <p>One response supports the reduction of the speed limit to 20mph through Great Barton.</p> <p>All responses support a Great Barton bypass.</p>
Residents outside AQMA	Public	<p>Ten responses –</p> <p>All raised concerns with the number of HGVs travelling through the area.</p>

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		<p>One response details that while building continues in the area, there will continue to be high numbers of traffic using the A143</p> <p>One response asked for signs throughout Great Barton to be changed from 'Not suitable for HGVs' to 'HGVs not allowed'.</p> <p>One response detailed that the A143 is often congested with private vehicles as well as HGVs and that there are already traffic issues, particularly with HGVs, in nearby villages without the re-routing HGVs and LGVs.</p> <p>One response does not believe that reducing the speed limit to 20mph through Great Barton will be effective due to the volumes of traffic.</p> <p>Five responses support a Great Barton bypass, not mentioned within other responses.</p> <p>One response doesn't think the Action Plan will have an immediate effect on air quality in Great Barton.</p> <p>Four responses believe the crossroads between the A143, Thurston Road and Brand Road disturb the flow of traffic which leads to the queues of traffic through the Great Barton AQMA.</p>