



Purpose	A120 Braintree District Community Engagement Forum – second meeting		
Project	A120 Braintree to A12 Feasibility Study	Date/Time	17 May 2016, 6-8pm
Location	Stisted Village Hall, Rectory Rd, Stisted, Braintree CM77 8AL	Prepared by	Whitney Adam (Jacobs)
Attendees	See Attachment 1		

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1	<p>Introductions</p> <p>All attendees introduced themselves to the forum and the organisation they represented. Apologies were noted.</p> <p>Mr John Clarke was the chair for the meeting.</p> <p>There were three public observers (one public observer joined half way through the meeting).</p>	N/A
2	<p>Project update</p> <p>Alan Lindsay (Essex County Council (ECC)) provided an update on the feasibility study. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental surveys have commenced. Some private property owners been contacted. • Traffic counts are underway. <p>It was highlighted that the surveys currently being undertaken are preliminary to inform the development of options.</p> <p>PG (Jacobs) (PG) mentioned to the group that stakeholder engagement activities were being undertaken in accordance with Highways England policy and process.</p>	N/A
3	<p>Feedback from members</p> <p>PG stated that one of the key desired outputs of this forum is to understand how communities would like to engage with the A120 feasibility study.</p> <p>Forum members provided feedback on engagement regarding the A120 feasibility study as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Notley Parish Council – currently local interest is focused on the preparation of the Braintree and Colchester local plans. Local people are not fully engaging with the A120 yet. • Silver End Parish Council – queried the interaction of the A120 with traffic generated by the Rivenhall Waste Incinerator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council to provide feedback from resident surveys to A120 Engagement Team. • Forum members to provide dates of newsletter publications to the A120 email address (A120Study@jacobs.com).

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	<p>[planning permission was granted for this development in 2009]. Also concerns with interaction of engagement of local development plan and A120, but keen to engage with the forum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossing Parish Council – requested the membership of the forum be extended to include Crossing Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group. Chair John Clarke agreed to have a vote for this under the AOB item. • Rivenhall Parish Council – noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some local interest in how the A120 interacts with the developing Braintree and Colchester local plans. - Concern about the level of detail that different members of the forum will be provided with on potential A120 options. PG responded that all members have the same amount of information at present. Lady Patricia Newton, who is also a member of the A120 Members Forum, confirmed that she does not have any further information on the potential options. This item was noted as an observation. - Query around A12 and pre-election period surrounding the European Union referendum. PG responded that Highways England had taken legal advice on that. • Great Notley Parish Council – The main issue for Great Notley parish is how they will be provided with information to understand the impact of the A120. • Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council – noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council has recently carried out surveys on all local residents (2 x questionnaires). Some comment has been provided on the A120. The parish requested an open dialogue with the forum about this feedback. PG offered that material is provided on the A120 website regarding this feedback. - Queried how information from development of neighbourhood plans is fed into A120 scheme. - Queried the Port of Felixstowe expansion plans and related HGV movements on A120. <p>PG asked how the group would like to be engaged with. Other items raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLA and NFU will be invited to the next forum meeting. • Members of the forum queried the provision of information for input into parish newsletters. Advised that Parish newsletters / websites generally do not have deadlines for input. PG advised that the A120 Engagement Team can provide material for newsletters. 	
4	How are options developed for highway improvements?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PG to circulate project

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	<p>PG provided a presentation about Highways England process to select route options. She noted that the Department for Transport Early Assessment and Sifting Tool ('EAST') was being used to help sift options. The use of preliminary environmental surveys and desktop studies was also explained.</p> <p>PG asked if there were any questions about the process. The following was raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The A120 project objectives were queried. • Rivenhall Parish queried how air quality and carbon is assessed. Adrian Dawes explained that the assessment was being guided by the Highways England Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). He confirmed that this would have regard for the potential polluting effects of vehicle emissions on local air quality, as well as effects from carbon release. 	<p>objectives for A120.</p>
5	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Chair called for any other business. Items raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cressing Parish – queried the update to the A120 website. PG responded that a number of articles have been prepared for publication on the A120 website including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An article on the environmental surveys, which will likely be published to coincide with issue of letters to inform residents about environmental surveys in their area. - An article on the traffic survey information gathered to date. The publication of this article will likely coincide with the Traffic survey article – our own report nearing completion, but will publish Jacobs report. 2 x articles relating to this document. Wanted to get right for the public. - An article on safety has also been prepared in parallel with the traffic article. The safety article will be published along with the traffic article. • Cressing Parish – queried whether the presentation to the A120 Braintree District Community Engagement Forum in February could be circulated to the forum members. • Silver End Parish – stated the concern about results from the A120 traffic surveys and interaction with traffic generated by the proposed Rivenhall integrated waste management facility, which has had planning approval. This concern raised a discussion amongst forum members about the interaction of the potential traffic generation of other developments and the A120. Alan Lindsay (ECC) stated once options have been developed, a business case will be produced which will consider future developments, including traffic generation, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PG to circulate link to forum for presentation from February. • PG/ WA to invite representative from Cressing Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group to next A120 Braintree District Community Engagement Forum.



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	<p>emerging local plan developments and developments with planning permission. Harwich International Port, Port of Felxistowe, Stansted Airport amongst these developments considered. Alan Lindsay also stated that the Environment Forum and Economic and Legacy Forum have been set up to understand other future, potential developments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vote was held for the membership of Cressing Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group to join the A120 Braintree District Community Engagement Forum. The proposed membership was agreed. <p>Chair John Clarke called for any public statements from the public observers. No statements or questions were asked.</p>	
6	<p>Next meeting Second or third week of September 2016.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitney Adam to circulate date of next meeting by mid-June.



Attachment 1: Attendees and apologies

First name	Surname	Position	Body
Attendees			
James	Abbott	Chairman	Rivenhall Parish
Iain	Ashford	Vice-chairman	Silver End Parish
Tony	Dunn	Chairman	Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council
Charmian	Goundry	Parish Councillor	Cressing Parish
John	Clarke	Chairman	Black Notley Parish
Philip	Heady	Chairman	Great Notley Parish
Stuart	Tyler	Member	Stisted Parish Council
Alan	Moor	Chairman	Stisted Parish Council
Lady Patricia	Newton	Braintree District Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing	Braintree District Council
Alan	Lindsay	Transport Strategy & Engagement Manager	Essex County Council
Adrian	Dawes	A120 Environment Lead	Jacobs
Philippa	Garden	A120 Engagement Lead	Jacobs
Whitney	Adam	A120 Engagement Team	Jacobs
Mark	Stubbs	A120 Transport Lead	Jacobs
Apologies			
Stuart	Tyler	Member	Stisted Parish Council
Chris	Stevenson	Head of Commissioning	Essex County Council
Tony	Eve	Member	Braintree and Bocking Civic Society
Susan	Eve	Member	Braintree and Bocking Civic Society
Maggie	Kingston	Member	Braintree and Bocking Civic Society
Charlie	Kingston	Member	Braintree and Bocking Civic Society
Mike	Bonner	Treasurer	<i>A12 TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP</i>
Derek	Burrell	Chairman	Stisted Parish
Roy	Shattock	Councillor	Coggeshall Parish
Adrian	Fecitt	Chairman	Silver End Parish
Ken	McDonald	Parish Councillor	Silver End Parish