



Purpose	A120 Economy and Legacy Forum – second meeting		
Project	A120 Braintree to A12 Feasibility Study	Date/Time	9 June 2016, 4-6pm
Location	Committee Room 2, Chelmsford County Hall, Essex CM1 1LX	Prepared by	Whitney Adam (Jacobs)
Attendees	See Attachment 1		

Agenda Item	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Introductions</p> <p>All attendees went around the room and introduced themselves to the forum and the organisation they represented.</p>	N/A
2	<p>Project update</p> <p>Chris Stevenson (CS) (Essex County Council (ECC)) provided background to the A120 feasibility study and an updated on its current status.</p> <p>Environmental surveys currently being carried out. Need to get down to 4-5 options to take to public consultation.</p> <p>Anita Thornberry (AT) (Haven Gateway Partnership) provided an update on consultation events specific to businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When public consultation opens, individual businesses will need to provide their views. Government no longer accepts umbrella organisations to represent individual businesses. This is very important to Haven Gateway Partnership. Business events run by Haven Gateway Partnership are occurring week commencing 13 June 2016. Event booked for 18 January 2017 at House of Commons. <p>Philippa Garden (PG) (Jacobs) clarified that support for routes at public consultation need to be submitted formally through specified consultation response channels.</p> <p>CS stated that at the end of public consultation, ECC will make a recommendation on one route to the Secretary of State, via the RIS process. Following this, the DCO application will be led by Highways England.</p>	N/A
3	Feedback from Forum members – group discussion	Nigel to send contacts from IOD

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	<p>PG initiated a group discussion querying how we can hear the voice of businesses through the consultation process?</p> <p>PG highlighted that individual responses to consultation is very important. PG queried how we can use existing business networks to get information out?</p> <p>Forum discussion indicated that the project team need to make it easier to respond.</p> <p>PG responded that there will be formal response channels, which will be able to go through letter or email referred to as 'free text'. We will allow filling out of a survey or free text. Survey will enable ease of consideration / response.</p> <p>CS stated that free text from businesses will be very important, where possible.</p> <p>PG highlighted the need to ask targeted questions, to understand interests from communities and businesses.</p> <p>Anita Thornberry AT highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some business owners may also be landowners/local residents, with conflicting views or interests. • Queried how the appropriate businesses are being identified and targeted for consultation? There are no databases which hold this information. Queried whether we can pull resource to identify businesses and contact details. • Stansted Airport has an extensive freight network, access to businesses that are connected with Stansted Airport. • Highlighted that we need one master database of businesses who may be involved in the public consultation. <p>Paul Durrant (PD) (Institute of Directors Essex) suggested the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Green Business Forum database is considered. • That there is a press release or magazine article. Philippa responded that it would be useful to have lead-in times / dates are provided to A120 Engagement Team. • Queried whether there is a target for formal responses? Philippa responded that there is no set target. <p>Paul Davey (Hutchison Ports) highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested that Felixstowe Ports Users Association (FPUA) is considered. The Chairman of the FPUA is a good contact, it has many members and an established network. Also suggested Freight Transport Association (FTA) and Road Haulage Association (RHA). • Paul Davey to check his contacts. Also suggested that Stena Line is the only passenger/freight ferry company to operate from Hutchison Ports. Queried whether freight users would be 	<p>to Anita Thornberry and Philippa Garden.</p>

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	<p>willing to engage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Davey – queried whether engaging with Suffolk Business Chambers. Anita Thornberry clarified that we are engaging with this group. <p>PG suggested that information is provided to networks to include on LinkedIn. Anita responded that Twitter is more responsive. Suggested that Haven Gateway Partnership will be use Twitter handle more as public consultation approaches.</p> <p>The group agreed that easy, simple messages should be used to communicate messages to as many groups and networks as possible.</p> <p>PG reiterated that it is important to communicate the need for a scheme.</p>	
4	<p>AOB</p> <p>Paul Davey (Hutchison Ports) raised that the group should consider engaging with other supporting organisation to assist with raising the profile of east-west transport connections. National Infrastructure Commission was suggested as one such organisation to liaise with.</p>	<p>Whitney Adam (WA) – check strategy issued by NIC re reference to east-west connection.</p>
5	<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-3pm, 22 September 2016 	<p>WA to send diary invite to group for meeting on 22 September.</p>



Attachment 1: Attendees and apologies

Attendees

Name	Position	Body
Anita Thornberry	Director	Haven Gateway Partnership
Paul Davey	Head of Corporate Affairs	Hutchison Ports
Nigel Myer	Economic Development	Colchester Borough Council
Paul Durrant	Sponsorship Officer	Institute of Directors (IOD) Essex
Paul McLean	Commissioning Delivery Manager	Essex County Council
Chris Stevenson	Head of Commissioning for Integrated Transport	Essex County Council
Alan Lindsay	Transport Strategy & Engagement Manager	Essex County Council
Philippa Garden	A120 Engagement Lead	Jacobs
Whitney Adam	A120 Engagement	Jacobs

Apologies

Name	Position	Body
David Burch	Director of Policy	Essex Chamber of Commerce
Zoe Gordon	Business Engagement & Communications Manager	South East LEP
Peter Smith	Head of Economic Development and Regeneration	Braintree District Council
Helen Code	Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager	Essex County Council
David McCullough	Communications Director	Riverside Communications
Andy Jobling	Asset Manager	Highways England
Gareth Mitchell	Head of Commercial Services	Colchester County Council
Natalie Chapman	Head of Policy	Freight Transport Authority
Joel John	Principal Economic Growth and Regeneration Officer	Essex County Council
Paul Wilkinson	Transport Policy Manager	Colchester County Council
Alistair Andrews	Principal Planner	Stansted Airport



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[No contact name]	[No contact name]	Road Haulage Association