

A120 Meeting notes

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Purpose	A120 Environment Forum		
Project	A120 Feasibility Study	Date/Time	22 nd February 2016
Location	County Hall, Chelmsford	Prepared by	Philippa Garden

Attendance					
Ms	Beverley	McLean	BMcL	Planning Manager	Colchester Borough Council
Mr	Jonathan	Douglas-Hughes	JDH	Trustee	Essex Heritage Trust
Ms	Mandy	French	MF	Representative	Essex Bridleways Association
Ms	Sue	Dobson	SD	Representative	Essex Bridleways Association
Mr	Ray	Booty	RB	Representative	ELAF
Ms	Emma	Goodings	EG	Planning Policy Manager	Braintree District Council
Mr	Noel	Mead	NM	Representative	CAUSE
Mr	Martin	Barrell	MB	Environment Team Manager	Environment Agency
Ms	Marialena	Papadoupoulou-Kipou	MPK	Low Carbon Policy Officer	Essex County Council
Mr	Chris	Stevenson	CS	Head of Commissioning	Essex County Council
Mr	Alan	Lindsay	AL	Transport Strategy & Engagement Manager	Essex County Council
Ms	Philippa	Garden	PG	A120 Engagement lead	Jacobs
Mr	Rob	Davenport	RD	A120 Project Manager	Jacobs
Mrs	Lisa	Levy	LL	Director of Operations, Stakeholder Engagement	Jacobs



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Agenda item	Notes	Action ref no.
<p>1</p>	<p>Welcome and introduction to the A120 Economic Forum</p> <p>CS thanked forum members for attending the first A120 Economic Forum and set out the aspiration that the A120 forums help shape communications and engagement with organisations and communities in Essex. He noted it was essential that forum membership was representative of the County.</p> <p>CS briefly covered background to the study. ECC had been successful in reaching agreement with the Government to kick start the study with £5million of ECC funding. The study would normally be undertaken by Highway England (HE) – as part of the national strategic road network, given the A120 is maintained by HE. The aim is to undertake a study of possible route options between now and 2017 such that Government can ask HE to process the scheme subsequently with it being included in the second Roads Investment Strategy period 2020 to 2025.</p> <p>CS set out the agenda and emphasised the need for Members to influence future meetings and make recommendations for additional membership.</p> <p>CS concluded that for the study to be successful it was essential that the ECC found out what was important locally, how best to engage specialist organisations and to tailor communications activity to communities.</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Purpose of Forum & Terms of Reference</p> <p>PG delivered the presentation. Noting the importance of building a working relationship with local community or specialist environmental organisations to ensure that engagement activities and consultation materials address local priorities.</p> <p>PG stated that the purpose of the forum was primarily about communications and engagement. PG also explained the other forums that exist, including a Member Forum and Community Forums.</p> <p>The group recommended that Membership be extended to County Landowner Association (CLA), and National Farming Union (NFU).</p> <p>ACTION: invite CLA and NFU to next forum meeting</p> <p>The group discussed the role of Chair. PG clarified that the role of Chair is to manage the meetings, and the secretariat (Jacobs) would provide organisation and planning of</p>	<p>ACTION 1</p>

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	criteria and how environmental assessments are undertaken. The group agreed this would be useful.	
4	<p>A120 today – the challenges and opportunities</p> <p>PG delivered presentation</p> <p>The group discussed the study, a do-nothing option, and the connection with the A12 and any potential Road Investment Strategy (RIS) scheme.</p> <p>The group discussed the opportunity provided by to channel information and shape future engagement.</p>	
6	Any other business.	
7	<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>PG to confirm next meeting – via correspondence.</p>	Action 6

Actions			
No.	Action	By whom	Completion date
1	Invite CLA and NFU to next forum meeting	PB	1 st May '16
2	Circulate Chair role description to Forum Members and ToR	PG	1 st May '16
3	Circulate attended list for forums	PG	1 st May '16
4	Raise social media channels with the A120 Communications and Engagement team meeting	PG	1 st May '16
5	Ensure agenda is circulated in advance of the next forum meeting	PG	ASAP
6	Date of the next meeting	PG	ASAP