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| <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>A120/A12 Braintree and Chelmsford Community Forum</b>                    |                    |                           |
| <b>Project</b>   | A120 Braintree to A12 Feasibility Study and A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening | <b>Date/Time</b>   | 26 September 2016 – 18:30 |
| <b>Location</b>  | Silver End Village Hall, Broadway, Silver End, Witham CM8 3RQ               | <b>Prepared by</b> | David Orr-Ewing           |
| <b>Attendees</b> | See Attachment 1  |                    |                           |

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| <b>1</b>           | <p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Cllr Nick Unsworth introduced the forum. All forum members introduced themselves.</p>  | N/A   |
| <b>2</b>           | <p><b>Consultation and Gunning Principles</b></p> <p>David Orr-Ewing (DOE) and Philippa Garden (PG) ran through the Gunning principles which have been established in case law and underpin consultation rules, with the overarching principle being fairness. The principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The consultation must be at a formative stage</li> <li>2. Sufficient information must be provided to allow consultees to provide a considered response</li> <li>3. Adequate time needs to be provided to allow consultees to digest information and respond</li> <li>4. The Decision Maker(s) must conscientiously consider the output of the consultation</li> </ol> <p>Cllr Katherine Evans asked whether a consultation could be as short as one day and asked whether the guidelines on consultation could be circulated.</p> <p>PG confirmed it was possible, but the question was whether it would stand up to scrutiny. DOE stated that it would likely</p> | <p>Circulate the Government's consultation guidance</p> |

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|             | <p>be challenged.</p> <p>Cllr James Abbott stated that Cllr Rodney Bass had already twice announced his preferred route for the A120.</p> <p>Chris Stevenson confirmed that it would be a Cabinet decision based on technical information and responses to consultation that would lead to ECC recommending a preferred route to the Secretary of State and Highways England.</p> <p>Cllr Stuart Taylor asked why all options for the A120 to date had not been published.</p> <p>PG stated that one of the central reasons is that by releasing routes there is a potential to create a perceived blight on properties. This blight could be created even though there is no chance the route would be taken forward. It is therefore best to create some certainty about what the likely options could be and then release the information.</p> <p>Cllr Nick Unsworth asked whether more information could be provided on sifting.</p> <p>DOE confirmed that would fall under the 'Sufficient Information' part of the Gunning principles. However, A120 forum had already had a presentation on sifting but confirmed that he is happy to do the same for the A12.</p> | <p>Provide an overview of the sifting process at next A12 forum.</p> |
| 3           | <p><b>A120 and A12 consultation update</b></p> <p><b>A120</b></p> <p>Chris Stevenson (CS) gave an overview of the A120 and its consultation. He explained that the challenge was to produce a scheme that garnered broad support, followed Highways England's processes and was affordable.</p> <p>CS explained that it would be a recommended preferred route that would be done by ECC. It would be for the Secretary of State to announce a preferred route.</p> <p>Charmain Goundry enquired how long it might take for the preferred route to be confirmed as this could lead to blight.</p>   |  |

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|             | <p>CS recognised these concerns. However, he stated we are not in any Highways England programme currently and we are seeking to be included in Road Investment Strategy 2 (2020-2025) and all the pre work that is going in to the feasibility study will hopefully make the process towards a preferred route announcement as swift as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Abbot said there should be opportunities within the existing corridor. He also added that consultation is not taking place on the routes at the Forum level that are going into consultation. He said that that the forums are just about process, not input.</p> <p>A forum member asked how the forum can influence the route. PG said that all forum members had consistently been asked for input into current problems and issues and she asked that those who had yet to do this provide anything they thought would be helpful.</p> <p>CS confirmed that the consultation in January would be about influencing the route option to help the County Council select the best option.</p> <p>General concerns were raised about the development that is proposed locally and how that is considered.</p> <p>Alan Lindsay pointed out that there is a lot going on with local plans and infrastructure and that all parties are working closely together. This is also purpose of the forums.</p> <p>Louise Humpington stated that Alistair Frost at a previous forum had said that the modelling takes all the proposals in the Braintree local plan as fact.</p> <p>DOE confirmed that the model is stress tested to give different outputs to consider different eventualities.</p> <p>CS added that the model does forecast growth and looks and what people do now and how that might change in the future.</p> <p>Cllr Abbot raised concerns about the HGV figures used for the quarry and waste management plant. PG stated that she would confirm the figures.</p> <p><b>A12</b></p> | <p>PG to review</p> |

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|             | <p>Romeu Rosa gave an overview of the A12 consultation and said HE would be looking for feedback on issue and problems (junctions, congestion and safety) and potential solutions.</p> <p>He explained that through sifting it is only schemes that show value for money that will go forward. Jenny Goddard added that value for money was a fundamental criterion. It will also be judged against HE's key performance indicators.</p> <p>Forum members asked whether there have been similar schemes that have been delivered in the recent past. PG offered the A14.</p> <p>KE asked how you calculate value for money.</p> <p>Paddy De Feu said that traffic modelling can put value for money on things like reducing journey times.</p> <p>Cllr Abbot raised concerns about engagement with Rivenhall Parish Council. He pointed to a previously cancelled meeting and said that HE is not talking to the Parish.</p> <p>Jenny Goddard and DOE acknowledged that it was unfortunate that the first meeting was cancelled and Cllr Abbot could not make the rearranged meeting, but we would be happy to meet at the Parish's convenience to discuss the A12.</p> <p>A discussion then took place around additional meetings with Parishes for the A12 and capturing issues raised.</p> <p>Katherine Evans asked whether contact had been made with Countryside Zest regarding Beaulieu station. It was confirmed that it had not yet been made.</p> | <p>HE to arrange meeting with Rivenhall PC to discuss A12.</p> |
| 4           | <p><b>Consultation material</b></p> <p>PG gave an overview of the material that will be provided at consultation. She added that the consultation document for each project will be the main source of information for the public and would not ordinarily exceed 50 pages. Background documents, such as the Options Assessment Report. information papers which can give an overview of either niche topics or topics that while outside of the consultation's remit can be made available which may be</p>  |  |

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|             | <p>relevant for consultees.</p> <p>Suggested information papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sifting of route options</li> <li>• Process towards a preferred route decision</li> <li>• Interacting with local plans</li> </ul>   |  |
|             | <p><b>Information events</b></p> <p>DOE gave an overview of the information events that we would be holding a number over the course of the consultation, weeks 3, 4 and 5, but that there would be fewer for the A12 (approx. 5) than the A120 (approx. 8). He asked for suggested locations for the events from the forum.</p> <p>The forum provided the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Henry Dixon Hall (Rivenhall)</li> <li>• Feering Community Association</li> <li>• Kelvedon</li> <li>• Bradwell Village Hall</li> <li>• Braintree Town Hall</li> <li>• Coggeshall</li> <li>• Silver End</li> <li>• St Barnabas Church, Cressing</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the bus service does not run late at Silver End which could inhibit access. It was further noted that for Coggeshall an evening or weekend event would be preferred.</p> <p>PG confirmed how the events would be advertised. She stated we would use press coverage. A4 and A3 posters and hopefully local parish newsletters. It is hoped that forum members will also raise awareness in their communities.</p> <p>Jenny Goddard asked for information to be provided on hard to reach groups.</p> |  |
| 7           | <p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding expressway standards. Cllr Abbott asked whether the standard removes buses and cyclists.</p>  | <p>Jacobs to provide a note outlining the standards applied to reaching a full</p> |

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|                 | <p>It was confirmed that a full expressway standard would remove buses and cyclists, but there would have to be re-provision. In addition, there are steps that can be made to bringing a road towards expressway without, for instance, removing buses. It was confirmed that there was no intention to ban buses from the A12.</p> <p>Cllr Abbott stressed that locally bus provision needs to be improved, not reduced.</p> | <p>expressway standard</p> |
| <p><b>8</b></p> | <p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>It is expected that the next forums for the A12 and A120 will be held in mid-late November.</p>  |                            |

## Appendix 1

| Member                        | Organisation                                    |
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| Cllr Nick Unsworth (Chairman) | Coggeshall Parish Council                       |
| Cllr Adrian Fecitt            | Silver End Parish Council                       |
| Cllr Ian Ashford              | Silver End Parish Council                       |
| Cllr John Lindsay             | Messing-cum-Inworth Parish Council              |
| Cllr Katherine Evans          | Feering Parish Council                          |
| Cllr Ken McDonald             | Silver End Parish Council                       |
| Cllr Louise Humpington        | Kelvedon Parish Council                         |
| Cllr Stuart Tyler             | Stisted Parish Council                          |
| Cllr Barry Crawford           | Great Notley Parish Council                     |
| Cllr Charmain Goundry         | Cressing Parish Council                         |
| Cllr James Abbott             | Rivenhall Parish, Braintree District & Essex CC |
| Tim Pailthorpe                | VTAG  |
| Christine Marshall            | Bradwell with Pattiswick Parish Council         |
| Susan Simpson                 | Cressing Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group  |
| Karen Keepeace                | Cressing Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group  |
| Alan Lindsay                  | Essex CC  |
| Chris Stevenson               | Essex CC  |
| Jonathan Dowling              | Essex CC  |
| Jenny Goddard                 | Highways England                                |
| Romeu Rosa                    | Highways England                                |
| Paddy De Feu                  | Jacobs  |
| David Orr-Ewing               | Jacobs  |
| Philippa Garden               | Jacobs  |