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Subject	A120 Braintree Community Forum		
Project	A120 Braintree to A12 Feasibility Study	Project No.	B3553T41
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Location	Council Chamber, Braintree Town Hall, Fairfield Road, Braintree, CM7 3YG	Date/Time	8 th December 2016
Participants	Apologies Cllr Tony Dunn (TD) Cllr John Lindsay (JL) Gary Sung (GS) Cllr Iain Ashford (IA) Cllr Ken McDonald (KM) Don Smith (DS) James Abbott (JA) Cllr Stuart Taylor (ST) Claire Tyler (CT) Kevin Bowers (KB) Susan Simpson (SS) Charmian Goundry (CG) Philippa Garden (PG) Virginia Vandermeer (VV) Ragi Yogeswaran (RY) Chris Stevenson (CS) Alan Lindsay (AL)		
Copies to	David Orr-Ewing	File	A120 Braintree Community Forum Meeting Notes

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1 Welcome TD welcomed the group and introduced the project team members.	
2 Traffic modelling CS ran through the importance of traffic modelling and outlined the current traffic study. He also summarised the current traffic issues identified along the A120. CS explained how the traffic model is build and the inputs that were used to build the model. JL asked whether traffic from B roads that feed onto the	

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<p>A120 will be included in the model to find whether it will have any knock on effect on other roads.</p> <p>CS confirmed that B roads are included in the model.</p> <p>DS questioned whether the model will include all parishes that are affected by the scheme.</p> <p>CS stated that the model will include parishes around the study area and in fact the modelled area is quite extensive covering north Essex in some detail with contextual coverage elsewhere in Essex and East Anglia.</p> <p>KM questioned on the how the traffic model will deal with traffic that is cutting through Silver End to merge onto the A12.</p> <p>CS stated that traffic through Silver End will be estimated using the model.</p> <p>TD queried on the whether the level of traffic on roads during the construction phase will be looked at as the construction phase might worsen the current problem.</p> <p>PG stated that it is very early stage to consider this. Highways England has Project Control framework which details the activities that need to be carried out at each stage of the design process. We are currently following these activities and the actual detailed phasing of construction and associated traffic management would not be considered until much later in the process. Once the preferred option is chosen, a detail analyses on the impact of construction on local roads will be considered. The scheme could be constructed in phases to minimise the effect, however it is too early to consider this in detail.</p> <p>CS added that the buildability of each option will be considered when developing options and only option that can be constructed in a reasonable way is taken forward.</p> <p>JA stated that more detail the traffic model includes, the better as there are a range of planned growth within Chelmsford, Ipswich etc.</p> <p>3 Commitment of Community Consultation PG gave an overview of public consultation and what</p>	

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<p>will it include. She also stated that we are currently in the process of developing the statement to community consultation (SCC). SCC is a short document that will confirm what we are hoping to achieve by undertaking the consultation and details on how we will consult.</p> <p>PG also stated the locations at which the A12, A120 and combined consultations will be held. She also asked the forum members to put forward any locations that we have missed out.</p> <p>IA asked whether the consultation event at Silver End can be changed into a combined event to provide information on both A12 and A120 schemes.</p> <p>PG stated that we will look into it when selecting venues and raise this with Highways England.</p> <p>ST also queried on the location of the consultation event and requested to consider Stisted as one of the consultation location. Another forum member asked whether Cressing could be considered.</p> <p>PG stated that Stisted/ Cressing will be considered.</p>	<p>PG to suggest a combined event at Silver End to Highways England.</p> <p>PG to consider running consultation events at Sisted/ Cressing.</p>
<p>4 Consultation response analysis</p> <p>PG outlined how the responses from the consultation will be analysed. Any responses received will get a unique ID. We will be picking out key words from the responses and use coding framework to group them together. The responses will be discussed within the response analysis team to produce themes which will be used to produce response analysis report.</p>	
<p>5 Project Update</p> <p>CS outlined the process used to develop route options. He also showed the nine short listed options that will be presented at the consultation events.</p> <p>JA stated that he would be very much interested to see the traffic modelling analysis and asked whether junctions will be shown during consultation.</p> <p>CS confirmed that there will be circles to represent junctions. However there will not be any details on the type of junctions that would be required as layouts change during the design process. He also said that</p>	

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<p>there would be an opportunity for local people to let us know during the consultation on any additional junctions that might be needed. It may be possible to have examples on different types of junction for example grade separated junction etc.</p> <p>PG also confirmed that there will be simple lines on the plan to show the different options and there will not be any engineering drawings.</p> <p>SS queried on whether each option will be costed before the consultation and whether this costing information will be available at the event.</p> <p>CS stated that options will be costed before the event and this information will be available at the event.</p> <p>SS asked about the source of funding for the scheme.</p> <p>CS stated that the plan is to include this scheme into Highways England RIS 2 programme. Through consultation we are aiming to find an option that we can recommend to Highways England.</p> <p>KB asked whether there is a possibility that Highways England does not prefer the option that was chosen from the consultation event.</p> <p>CS stated that there is a possibility that they prefer a different route to the one chosen at consultation. However we will be following the Highways England process to put forward our case and give reasons for the chosen route.</p> <p>PH stated that it will be really beneficial if Jacobs informed the forum members when the map is published online.</p> <p>DS queried why we are not including some of the developments in the local area in the traffic modelling.</p> <p>AL stated that we are only including committed developments which are included in the existing local plan.</p> <p>KB questioned whether there will be information regarding buildability published at the consultation event.</p>	

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<p>PG stated that there will be design technical team available at the event who can explain the buildability of each option; however these will not be included in the consultation document.</p> <p>CG asked why we can't display detail drawings for the various options whereas in 2005 consultation there was detail drawings of options put forward to consultation.</p> <p>PG confirmed that the process was different ten years ago and we are consulting before the completion of environment report hence there is a limit to the level of information we can include for each option. Also at the stage this scheme has reached, it is really too soon to be definitive as to the absolute engineering design for any given route and indeed we are developing more than one option for consideration, because of this, it's best to not include any detailed information as this will be misleading when it comes to choosing an option.</p> <p>SS questioned how consultation going to choose the route that will be taken forward.</p> <p>CS stated that the feedback from the consultation along with the technical details of the feasibility work will be put forward to the members.</p> <p>JL queried on the method of consultation responses.</p> <p>CS stated that we prefer written responses as it provide evidences and evidences are required legally.</p> <p>PG added that we do accept responses through emails, letters and through our online services. As consultations are legally defined it is important to fill in the form and follow the process.</p> <p>SS asked how the consultation events will be advertised.</p> <p>PG confirmed that we are planning to advertise the events using local papers, parish magazines, and posters at specific locations and on local radios.</p> <p>TD stated that parish council websites can be updated within 48hours therefore we can get the information across reasonably quickly.</p>	

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<p>JA stated that the forum members can help to distribute the posters and leaflets if they are send digitally to the forum members.</p>	
<p>PG confirmed that digital copies of the poster, leaflet etc will be available for everyone via the A120 website. She also stated that if anyone requires these documents to be sent to those via email please let us know and we will organise those.</p>	
<p>CG asked about the date for statutory blight.</p>	<p>CS to confirm date of statutory blight with Highways England.</p>
<p>CS stated that we are not sure about the date, however we will try and find this from Highways England and let you know.</p>	
<p>TD questioned whether developers can sway the option chosen to put forward to Highways England.</p>	
<p>CS stated that any input from developers will not sway the decision on chosen option.</p>	
<p>SS questioned why Marks Tey is not included in the Braintree forum.</p>	
<p>TD confirmed that the group needs to be a manageable level hence Marks Tey is not included in this forum; instead it is within the Colchester Forum.</p>	
<p>6 AOB</p>	
<p>7 Public statements / questions</p>	
<p>8 Date of the next meeting PG confirmed that there will be further round of forums after consultation events and the members will be informed when the dates are confirmed.</p>	