



Purpose	A120 Environment Forum		
Project	A120 Braintree to A12 Feasibility Study	Date/Time	13 December 2016
Location	Committee Room 6, County Hall, Market Road Chelmsford CM1 1QH	Prepared by	Virginia Vandermeer
Attendees	See Attachment 1		

Agenda Item	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>David Orr-Ewing (DOE) welcomed the attendees to the 4th A120 Environment Forum and asked attendees to introduce themselves.</p>	N/A
2	<p>Traffic information at consultation</p> <p>Chris Stevenson (CS) outlined the current traffic study and summarised the current traffic issues identified along the A120.</p> <p>Raymond Booty asked whether the A120 model and the A12 model were linked. CS explained that both study teams are talking to each other and ensuring there are efficiencies by sharing data.</p> <p>Noel Mead (NM) asked for an explanation on how the housing forecast is considered in the traffic modelling. CS explained that committed developments are included, as is adopted local policy, otherwise it focusses on a quantum of growth across the region. DOE added that it is important to focus on what is committed because the scheme could be accused of inflating the benefits if it includes non-committed development.</p> <p>Sue Dobson (SD) asked what will be done with the existing A120 after any upgrades are done, and whether that forms part of this study. CS explained that while it's not an explicit part of this study, it's good to begin thinking about these issues and to express interests.</p>	



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	<p>SD said they are interested in learning more about connectivity with the old road and opportunities for non-motorised use and wondered whether there were opportunities for a multi user track. CS said there is certainly opportunity to express these ideas and opinions throughout the consultation process.</p> <p>RB asked whether traffic modelling is done on the old road with each option being looked at. CS explained that traffic modelling will show the impact on the existing A120 with each option, and with no option.</p>	
3	<p>Commitment of Community Consultation and consultation response analysis</p> <p>Virginia Vandermeer gave an overview of the commitment of community consultation and DO ran through the public consultation events.</p> <p>SD said that Essex Association of Local Councils should be provided with consultation docs.</p> <p>DOE then ran through the response analysis that takes place following consultation. He said that responses are read and analysed through coding. A report is then produced which provides a fair and impartial overview of the responses received. This report will be published.</p>	
4	<p>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>NM said that it's good to show the process is starting and demonstrates a lot of work has been done.</p> <p>MF asked if costs of devaluing properties is considered when costing the project. CS explained that the blight process is started once there is an agreed route and forms part of the Development Consent Order process.</p> <p>SD asked what happens when there is a conflict such as mineral and quarry use. CS explained that we need to find a way resolve the conflicting uses. If there is a planned use, compensation would need to be considered.</p> <p>NM asked if developers will contribute to the costs and therefore have a greater influence over the outcome. CS explained that any development will need to consider existing infrastructure. This will inform development, not the</p>	



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	<p>other way round.</p> <p>MF would like to see plans for non-motorised use. CS said this is an important part of the study and will develop with the scheme.</p>	
5	<p>AOB</p> <p>No additional business</p>	
6	<p>Date of the next meeting</p> <p>DOE confirmed that forums will be put on hold during consultation, but the next round is likely to take place in April/May.</p>	

Member	Organisation
Sue Dobson	Essex Bridleways Association
Many French	Essex Bridleways Association
Noel Mead	CAUSE
Ray Booty	Essex Local Access Forum
Graham (TBC)	(TBC)
David Orr-Ewing	Jacobs
Virginia Vandermeer	Jacobs