



Purpose	A120 Members' Forum – third meeting		
Project	A120 Braintree to A12 Feasibility Study	Date/Time	8 July 2016
Location	Committee Room 2, County Hall, Market Road Chelmsford CM1 1QH	Prepared by	David Orr-Ewing
Attendees	See Attachment 1		

Agenda Item	Notes	Actions
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Cllr Bass welcomed the group.</p>	N/A
2	<p>Project update</p> <p>Chris Stevenson, Head of Commissioning at ECC, provided an overview of the progress to date</p> <p>He listed the key challenges as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that any proposal is affordable • We must build a consensus behind the most suitable option • Highways England's process must be followed <p>CS reminded the forum of the timetable being worked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options appraisal is ongoing • Consultation in early 2017 • Recommend a preferred route to the Transport Secretary in Summer 2017 • If endorsed by the Transport Secretary, the scheme should be included in the Road Investment Strategy 2 	
3	A120 Braintree to A12 route selection update	



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	<p>Philippa Garden, Engagement Lead for Jacobs, gave an overview of the processes that Highways England requires to be completed in order for a scheme to progress suitability. She confirmed that the project had completed Stage 0 and is in Stage 1 which includes the beginning of public consultation [early 2017].</p> <p>Mark Stubbs, Technical Director at Jacobs, gave a detailed update on the sifting of route options. He confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We looked at 2003 options • We have considered the routes that went to public consultation in 2005 • Other options have been considered, including those proposed at a workshop with the Local Authorities • We agreed objectives for the options with Highways England <p>Mark Stubbs stated that we take the options and consider what benefits/issues there are with them. This process is eased by clustering the routes into areas. Fundamental to the process is looking at environmental constraints in the areas, as well as engineering constraints.</p> <p>He confirmed that we also had to look at rail options, not just road. However, rail options were removed early in the process because they would not remove enough traffic from the existing A120.</p> <p>Cllr Bass highlighted the importance of all areas getting involved in the consultation which is due to take place in early 2017.</p> <p><i>The conversation moved onto next steps.</i></p> <p>Mark Stubbs stated that a traffic model will further help refine the route options. A local model will be built, but we will also use the East of England Traffic Model. The model will show how traffic will react to a new route being created, as well as helping to refine the economic case for the scheme. Currently, the economic case is looking strong.</p> <p>He added that land surveys [currently taking place] will also help to refine route options, as will input from local communities during public consultation.</p> <p><i>The conversation moved back to route options and how the scheme will interact with the A12. Cllr Bass reiterated the importance of the</i></p>	



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	<p>public consultation and that Highways England are closely involved in the A120 feasibility study and are running the work on the A12.</p> <p>Cllr Bass ended discussions by explaining the decision making process going forward and how the forum will influence that. He also suggested that a drive through of route options may be useful for the public consultation.</p>	<p>ACTION: investigate providing “drive through” of route options at public consultation.</p>
4	<p>Outcomes of community forums</p> <p>Philippa Garden gave an overview of the last round of community forums. She confirmed they were going well and the information that we have been receiving from participants has been really useful for the schemes.</p> <p>PG confirmed that we intended to run the next round of forums in September. At those forums we will discuss consultation documentation and seek advice on locations for the consultation information events, as well as suggestions for information papers that will be published as part of the consultation documents.</p> <p>Peter Grimm, Suffolk County Council, asked that a Suffolk representative is added to the Economic Forum.</p>	<p>ACTION: invite Suffolk rep to September’s Economic Forum.</p>
5	<p>Business Engagement update</p> <p>Anita Thornberry, Haven Gateway, gave an update on engagement with businesses. She confirmed the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Quince MP Business Networking Event on 8 July • Bernard Jenkin MP Business Lunch on 9 September • James Cartlidge MP Business Event on 14 October <p>Anita Thornberry also confirmed that three case studies of businesses that utilise the A120 and support improvements to it have been written up.</p> <p>Peter Grimm asked that he be added to email circulation lists.</p>	<p>ACTION: AT to add Peter to email circulation lists.</p>
6	<p>Any other business</p> <p>N/A</p>	
6	<p>Next meeting</p>	



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	Will be held at County Hall, Chelmsford on 16 September 2016	

Attachment 1: Attendees and apologies

Member	Organisation
Cllr Rodney Bass	Essex CC – Cabinet Member for Infrastructure – ECR B Chairman
Cllr Anne Brown	Essex CC – Cabinet Member for Corporate, Communities and Customers
Cllr Ricki Gadsby	Essex CC – attended in place of Cllr Kevin Bentley
Cllr Lady Newton	Braintree Council – Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Braintree Council
Cllr Mike Lilley	Colchester Council – Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Planning
Cllr Guy McGregor	Suffolk CC – in place of Cllr James Finch
Peter Grimm	Suffolk CC – Strategic Traffic Manager
Roger Mannion	A12 Villages Traffic Action Group
Andrew Cooke	Essex CC – Director of Transportation and Infrastructure
Chris Stevenson	Essex CC – Head of Commissioning
Paul McLean	Essex CC – Commissioner and Delivery Manager
Anita Thornberry	Executive Director, Haven Gateway
Philippa Garden	Jacobs – A120 Engagement Lead
David Orr-Ewing	Jacobs – Principal Engagement Manager
Mark Stubbs	Jacobs – Technical Director

Apologies

Member	Organisation
Hon Bernard Jenkin MP	Member of Parliament for Harwich and North Essex
Rt Hon Priti Patel MP	Member of Parliament for Witham
James Cleverly MP	Member of Parliament for Braintree
Will Quince MP	Member of Parliament for Colchester
Cllr Eddie Johnson	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Cllr John Spence	Cabinet Member for Finance, Housing and Planning
Cllr Kevin Bentley	Essex CC – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth,



Member	Organisation
	Infrastructure, Waste and Recycling
Cllr Mick Page	Deputy to the Cabinet Member for Planning and the Environment Currently in Leader's Portfolio
Cllr Simon Walsh	Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste
Cllr James Finch	Suffolk CC – Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Nigel Allsopp	Highways England – Area Team Leader for Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex
Andy Jobling	Highways England – Route Manager for Essex
George Kieffer	Chairman of Haven Gateway
Alan Lindsay	Essex CC – Transport Strategy & Engagement Manager