

Purpose	A120/A12 Members' Forum		
Project	A120 Braintree to A12 Feasibility Study and A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening	Date/Time	16 September 2016
Location	Committee Room 1, 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 and clarified the merging of the A12 and A120 forums for this round.</p>	N/A
2	<p>Consultation and Gunning Principles</p> <p>David Orr-Ewing 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"> 1. The consultation must be at a formative stage 2. Sufficient information must be provided to allow consultees to provide a considered response 3. Adequate time needs to be provided to allow consultees to digest information and respond 4. The Decision Maker(s) must conscientiously consider the output of the consultation <p>Cllr Johnson queried principle two. David Orr-Ewing confirmed that people could put anything in their responses, but it may be considered outside of the scope of the consultation. Our responsibility is to provide information to reflect the questions that we are asking, not every eventuality.</p>	

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	<p>Cllr Bass enquired about the Decision Makers for both schemes. Philippa Garden confirmed that for the A120, due to the stage it is at, it would be Essex County Council. For the A12 it would be Highways England.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>A120 and A12 consultation update</p> <p>A120</p> <p>Philippa Garden reaffirmed the scope of the A120 project (feasibility stage) and that we would be seeking views on a preferred route.</p> <p>Chris Stevenson confirmed that the consultation would run for 8 weeks and would be complemented by information events. The consultation would be seeking views on routes.</p> <p>Cllr Bass said we should discuss the outcomes with the A12 forum and then a position could be taken on the preferred route after conscientiously considering the output from consultation. A single route could then be presented to Cabinet after the local election. A preferred route recommendation would need to be made by July, but there will be local elections in May and there will be a pre-election period to consider.</p> <p>Alistair Frost stated time would be needed to allow for any additional technical work that may be needed following consultation.</p> <p>A12</p> <p>Alistair Frost began by confirming funding had been secured for a study to look at A12 junctions 11-15 and 15-29. Andrew Cook asked about 15-19. Alistair Frost stated that work on 11-15 would extend beyond and would consider 15-19 as well.</p> <p>Cllr Bass suggested that Alistair Frost presents to the Heart and Haven Transport Board. Alistair Frost agreed and suggested a joint presentation with the A120. Chris Stevenson agreed.</p> <p>Alistair Frost confirmed the consultation would look at issues and what solutions could be undertaken, noting that it needs</p>	<p>Ensure there are forums in early April for both the A120 and A12.</p> <p>AF and AC to discuss further.</p> <p>Arrange presentation to MNETB by CS and AF</p>

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	<p>to be value for money.</p> <p>Alistair Frost stated it is important that language is consistent across A12 and A120 consultation documents. Cllr Bass added that language should be consistent with Local Plan consultation as well.</p>	<p>Jacobs to create a project dictionary for both projects. In addition, consultation documents will touch on funding of the schemes.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Consultation material</p> <p>Philippa Garden gave an overview of the material planned to be provided at consultation. She added that the consultation document for each project will be the main source of information for the public. Background documents, such as the Options Assessment Report, will also be provided for consultees who may wish for more detail.</p> <p>Anita Thornberry asked whether new economic assessment information will be available and Philippa Garden confirmed it would.</p> <p>Peter Grimm stated that the wider economic benefits need to be outlined as it will help Suffolk respond to the consultation.</p> <p>David Leaf asked about traffic modelling on the A12 and A120. Alistair Frost stated that traffic models stress test results to look for high levels, low levels and median to, as best as possible, to give an overall picture.</p> <p>Alistair Frost suggested a joint technical note be produced for modelling the impacts on traffic and economics of the different A120 tie in points.</p>	<p>To discuss economic assessments at a future economic forum in more detail.</p> <p>Produce joint technical note</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Information events</p> <p>David Orr-Ewing gave an overview of the information events that we would be holding 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>Cllr Bass suggested a start would be Braintree (town), Marks Tey, Kelvedon, Hatfield Peverel and Witham.</p> <p>It was also agreed by the forum that exhibition boards should be erected at County Hall, Chelmsford as well as Suffolk County Council and Braintree and Colchester councils.</p>	

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6	<p>Business Engagement update</p> <p>Anita Thornberry provided an update. There have been A120 business events in Braintree and Colchester and last week in Tendring. On 14 October there will also be an event in Suffolk and one is being planned in Witham in November. That will conclude that specific round of events and the focus will move to the Parliamentary event on 18 January 2017. Once that is concluded, the focus will then be to continue the momentum created by sending out updates to businesses.</p> <p>Anita Thornberry mentioned business engagement on the A12. David Orr-Ewing acknowledged it was not as advanced as the A120.</p> <p>Peter Grimm suggested the A12 project does a presentation to Suffolk Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p>Cllr Bass added that it is important that the support of businesses continues all the way until the A120 is built. Cllr Bass also suggested that Abellio Great Anglia and Network Rail should be consulted, as should the ports and Stansted.</p>	<p>DOE to discuss business engagement with AT.</p> <p>Jacobs to investigate further</p>
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>N/A</p>	
8	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Will be held at County Hall, Chelmsford in mid to late November.</p>	

Member	Organisation
Cllr Rodney Bass	Essex County Council
Cllr Guy McGregor	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Lady Patricia Newton	Braintree District Council
Cllr Eddie Johnson	Essex County Council
Cllr Neil Gulliver	Chelmsford City Council
Cllr Penny Channer (on behalf of Cllr Bentley)	Essex County Council
Alan Lindsay	Essex County Council

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Andrew Hull	Braintree District Council
Andrew Cook	Essex County Council
Anita Thornberry	Haven Gateway Partnership
Chris Stevenson	Essex County Council
Paul Wilkinson	Colchester Borough Council
Peter Grimm	Suffolk County Council
Roger Mannion	A12 Villages Traffic Action Group
Tim Parton	Maldon District Council
Thomas Fairweather	On behalf of Hon. Bernard Jenkin MP
David Leaf	On behalf of Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
Alistair Frost	Highways England
Nigel Allsopp	Highways England
Paddy De Feu	Jacobs
David Orr-Ewing	Jacobs
Philippa Garden	Jacobs