

**The following information provides an overview of the structure of the meeting.**

The Members' forum was attended by: Cllr Rodney Bass (RB) – Essex County Council – Chris Stevenson (CS) – Essex County Council – Nigel Allsopp (NA) – Highways England – Anita Thornberry (AT) – Haven Gateway Partnership – George Kieffer (GK) – Haven Gateway Partnership – Roger Mannion (RM) – A12 Villages Traffic Action Group – Cllr Anne Brown (AB) – Essex County Council – Cllr Lady Patricia Newton (PN) – Braintree District Council – Mark Stubbs (MS) – Essex Highways/Jacobs – Paul Wilkinson (PW) – Colchester Borough Council – Michael Lilley (ML) – Colchester Borough Council – David Orr Ewing (DOE) – Jacobs – Philippa Garden (PG) - Jacobs – Jessamy Hayes (JH) – Essex County Council

Apologies received from: Andrew Cook – Essex County Council – Bernard Jenkin MP – Member of Parliament for Harwich and North Essex – Cllr John Spence – Essex County Council – Cllr Kevin Bentley – Essex County Council – Cllr James Finch – Essex County Council – Peter Grimm – Suffolk County Council – Sonia Davidson-Grant – Essex County Council – Will Quince MP – Member of Parliament for Colchester

The agenda topics were as follows:

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Update on route selection for consultation
- 3 Community engagement update
- 4 Business engagement update
- 5 Other business
- 6 Next Meeting

MS gave an update on the scheme and the sifting process to determine the shortlist of options, and led a discussion around traffic and the impact the scheme might have.

The intention was that the scheme sifting process would be included in the consultation information.

PG gave an overview of the previous round of forums. She highlighted the fact that these were joint forums with the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening and discussed the principles of consultation.

A discussion took place on the usefulness of releasing route information in advance of the consultations in the form of a cartoon diagram. Whilst this would not be the final shortlist it would help with raising awareness of the consultation. It was agreed to look into this further.

An overview of the likely consultation venues was presented. It was agreed that the forums be used to tease out the best venues. Combined venues with the A12 were agreed as a good idea if they could be arranged.

AT gave an update on business engagement. She confirmed that the Parliamentary reception would be taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

RB introduced any other business.

It was confirmed that the launch of the consultation would take place on 17<sup>th</sup> January.

PG confirmed that forums would be put on hold during the consultation, but that they will begin again in June/July 2017.

The meeting closed at 11:00am.