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Project	A120 Braintree to A12 Feasibility Study	Project No.	B3553T41
Prepared by	Chloe Spinks	Date/Time	27 July 2017
Location	County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH		
Participants	Chris Stevenson (CS) Gary MacDonnell (GMD) Virginia Vandermeer (VV) Chloe Spinks (CAS) Joel John (JJ)		

Notes	Action
<p>1 Welcome CS welcomed the attendees, followed by introductions.</p> <p>2 Consultation feedback VV discussed the findings from the consultation which ran between 17th January and 14th March 2017. The aim of the public consultation was to inform the selection of a favoured route option recommendation for the A120 between Braintree and the A12. The 11 consultation events resulted in 3143 attendees, and 2795 responses on the proposed route options. VV discussed the consultation outcomes summary; 82% of respondents felt that the A120 required a complete upgrade to meet current and future demand. Through agreement to a series of statements, respondents indicated that they strongly agreed or agreed that they would like to see upgrades which would: reduce queuing at junctions (86%), reduce HGVs' need to travel through villages (85%), improve journey times (82%) and upgrade the A120 to dual carriageway (80%). 46% also agreed or strongly agreed that pedestrian, cycling and equestrian facilities should be improved. Respondents were asked to rank the five options presented from 1 to 5. Of those respondents who provided a ranking, options C and E were favoured. Option C received the highest number of '1' rankings, followed by option E, when '1' and '2' rankings are considered there is little difference between the two however. VV stated all routes have varying support but they are relatively close. If you add the first and second</p>	

preference together, routes C&E are favoured, but there is no clear winner from the options.

VV mentioned that avoiding Galleys Corner may be a clear reason for selecting C&E though it's important to note that all of the options would address issues at Galleys Corner regardless.

JJ asked if there was representation from large businesses or business organisations and what their views were.

VV responded that there wasn't a high response from businesses, it was mainly individuals. A lot of individuals spoke about the impact on businesses but there were few responses from businesses themselves.

CS said the full consultation responses will be investigated and information incorporated in the report of consultation.

3 CS took attendees through 'Transport Focus' summary which was an independent survey asking A120 road users a series of questions on how they use the road.

CS mentioned over 2000 road users surveyed – the full report is due at the end of July 2017.

JJ asked where the responses were coming from for the Transport Focus study.

CS responded that they were as far reaching as Stansted to the west, and eastward along the existing A120 to Ipswich.

JJ said that the level of people that reported feeling unsafe is very high, and asked if the study was undertaken around the time when there were fatalities.

CS responded that there were fatalities during and around the consultation period.

JJ stated that it would be interesting to find out the perspective of haulage associations, HGV drivers and the like, to capture the views of key users who may be from outside the study area.

CS responded that the Transport Focus study asked a range of different groups including HGV drivers.

CS then explained the timeline of continuing activity and requirements to progress the study. ECC will make an announcement in the autumn on its recommendations and we would hope that Highways England announce the RIS2 (Road Investment Strategy 2) in 2018.

CS reiterated that work will continue on traffic modelling and other survey work as time goes by in line with Highways England processes.

4 END OF MEETING

VV to find out which businesses responded.