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Subject	A120 Braintree Community Forum		
Project	A120 Braintree to A12 Feasibility Study	Project No.	B3553T41
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Location	Coggeshall Village Hall, Stoneham Street, Coggeshall CO6 1UH	Date/Time	19 July 2017
Participants	Apologies Virginia Vandermeer (VV) Alan Lindsay (AL) Lisa Pook (LP) Cllr John Lindsay (JL) Cllr Tony Dunn (TD) Cllr Charmian Goundry (GC) Susan Simpson (SS) James Abbot (JA) Susan Pedder (SP) Alan Moor (AM) Melissa Hewitt (MH) Cllr Nick Unsworth (NU) Jacky Smith (JS)		
Copies to	David Orr-Ewing Chris Stevenson	File	A120 Braintree Community Forum Meeting Notes

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1 Welcome AL welcomed the group, followed by introductions.	
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	

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<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>VV stated all routes have varying support but they are relatively close. If you add the first and second preference together, routes C&E are favoured, but there is no clear winner from the options.</p> <p>JA mentioned the results reflect the geography of the respondents.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>JA asked whether Essex County Council (ECC) are coordinating thinking on the proposed developments in the area to future proof the road and take into account emerging Local Plans new housing proposals and Stanstead airport.</p> <p>AL reiterated that close working between ECC, Highways England and Jacobs traffic modellers to map transport flows and capacity issues to ensure the network functions.</p> <p>JA questioned whether ECC are only looking at major arteries rather than local roads.</p> <p>AL said ECC are looking at local roads as well as the major arteries and these are currently being modelled.</p> <p>SS questioned how ECC will deal with the proposed traffic increase through the local villages.</p> <p>AL said ECC are working with Highways England to look at options for HGV access along the routes.</p> <p>VV took attendees through the District Council and Parish Council responses.</p> <p>VV discussed the 'Transport Focus' summary which was an independent survey asking A120 road users a series of questions on how they use the road.</p> <p>AL mentioned ECC need to consider the strategic, financial, economic, and managerial case for the improvements as well as the public opinion before a route is chosen as the favoured approach .</p> <p>AL said the favoured approach is likely to be decided by</p>	

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<p>ECC in Autumn, with a submission to Highways England. Expected RIS2 announcement Autumn 2018.</p> <p>TD questioned the timeline for the build. AL responded that the assumed 2026 opening date was realistic but there will be small improvements along the A120 between now and then.</p> <p>JL questioned whether planning blight would have an impact on the area.</p>	<p>AL to circulate blight web link with minutes.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-property-and-blight</p>
<p>3 AOB</p> <p>GC mentioned landowners often need more lead in time to approve surveys.</p> <p>END OF MEETING</p>	<p>AL will feed back to the survey teams.</p>