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Subject	A120 Colchester Community Forum		
Project	A120 Braintree to A12 Feasibility Study	Project No.	B3553T41
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Location	Aldham Village Hall, Aldham, Colchester CO6 3RB	Date/Time	21 July 2017
Participants	Virginia Vandermeer (VV) Chris Stevenson (CS) Lisa Pook (LP) Paul Wilkinson (PW) Kate Evans (KE)	Apologies	
Copies to	David Orr-Ewing Alan Lindsay	File	A120 Colchester Community Forum Meeting Notes

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<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,</p>	

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<p>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>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>PW asked if consultation respondents have been split into businesses, individuals etc.</p> <p>CS said the full consultation responses will be investigated and information incorporated in the report of consultation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CS mentioned over 2000 road users surveyed – the full report is due at the end of July 2017.</p> <p>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) at some point in 2018.</p> <p>CS reiterated that work will continue on traffic modelling and other survey work as time goes by in line with Highways England processes.</p> <p>KE said she was pleased with the consultation on the A120 and asked if ECC and Colchester Council would look at air quality readings around Marks Tey.</p> <p>END OF MEETING</p>	<p>CS to take forward for consideration.</p>