

# **A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening**

Consultation response form

## Share your views

We want to better understand your views about the proposals for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening.

The A12 is an important economic link in Essex and across the east of England. It provides the main south-west/north-east route through Essex and Suffolk, connecting Ipswich to London and to the M25.

The section between Chelmsford and Colchester (junction 19 Boreham Interchange to junction 25 Marks Tey Interchange) carries high volumes of traffic, with up to 90,000 vehicles every day. Heavy Goods Vehicles are between 9% and 12% of the traffic on this section due to its important freight connection, especially to Felixstowe and Harwich ports. This section of the A12 is also an important commuter route between Chelmsford and Colchester. The resulting congestion leads to delays and means that, during the morning commute, a driver's average speed is particularly slow in both directions for a dual carriageway A-road of its kind.

Our proposed changes to this stretch of the A12 road will:

- improve safety for road users, especially at the junctions and slip roads through better design, as well as by removing the current direct private accesses onto the A12
- reduce traffic congestion by increasing the capacity of the road, making journey times more reliable. The proposed scheme will save motorists as much as 1.5 hours in a working week if they travel daily between junctions 19 and 25
- take long-distance traffic off the local roads and put it back onto the A12 where it belongs, so that local roads aren't used as 'rat runs', affecting local villages and their communities
- ensure that the road can cope with the predicted increase in traffic from more jobs and homes in the area
- make improvements for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and public transport users, to give them better connections and safer, more enjoyable journeys

Please share your views with us by completing this response form online at [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12).

If you're returning this form to us by post, please return it in the envelope provided to **FREEPOST A12 WIDENING**.

The consultation period ends at **11.59pm on Monday 16 August 2021** so please ensure your comments arrive with us in time to allow us to analyse and consider your feedback.

## Data privacy notice

We are committed to protecting your personal information. Whenever you provide such information we are legally obliged to use it in line with all applicable laws concerning the protection of personal data, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

### How Highways England will use the information we collect

We will use your personal data collected via this consultation for a number of purposes, including:

- to analyse your feedback to the consultation
- to produce a Consultation Report, based on our analysis of responses (individuals will not be identified in the report)
- to write to you with updates about the results of the consultation and other developments
- to keep up-to-date records of our communications with individuals and organisations

Any personal information you include in this form will be handled and used by (or made available to) the following recipients to record, analyse and report on the feedback we receive:

- Highways England
- Traverse (which has been contracted by us to analyse feedback to the consultation)
- The Planning Inspectorate (which will consider our application for permission to build the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening)
- The Secretary of State (who will make the decision on our application)
- our legal advisers
- consultants working on the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening project

It is also possible that trusted third-party providers, for example construction companies, may later use the contact details provided in your responses to communicate with you. We will keep your information for up to six months after the DCO decision has been made.

### What rights do I have over my personal data?

Under the terms of the GDPR you have certain rights over how your personal data is retained and used by Highways England. For more information, see our full data privacy statement: [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/about-us/privacy-notice/](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/about-us/privacy-notice/)

# 1. About you

Please provide your name, address and email address.

If you'd prefer your comments to be anonymous, please just let us have your postcode (first five digits), so we can understand where you live in relation to the proposed scheme.

**1a. Name:**

**1b. Address:**

**1c. Email address:**  **Postcode:**

**1d. Do you own land or hold any legal interests or rights, such as private rights of way or sporting rights, which may be affected by our proposals?**

Yes  No

If you have ticked yes, have you received a letter to notify you of the consultation?

Yes  No

**1e. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, business or campaign group, please include the name below.**

**Organisation:**

**Your role:**

**1f. By completing this response form, you have indicated that you have an interest in this proposed scheme. It would help us if you could identify the nature of your interest below (tick all that apply):**

- Local resident (live within five miles of the A12)
- Local business (business address within five miles of the A12)
- Regular user of the A12 (in a private vehicle – eg commuter/leisure)
- Regular user of the A12 (commercial vehicle – eg haulage)
- Other (please state):

**1g. How do you normally travel on the A12 (or on the adjacent footpaths and cycleways if applicable)?**

- Car/Van - Commercial
- Car/Van - Private
- Heavy goods vehicle (HGV)
- Bus
- Motorcycle - Commercial
- Motorcycle - Private
- Walk
- Cycle
- Horse ride
- Other (please state):

**1h. How often do you use this route?**

- 5 or more days a week
- 2-4 days a week
- 1 day a week
- Monthly
- Less often
- Never

## 2. The proposed scheme design

During our first consultation in 2017, four options for the scheme were presented. Our preferred route has been based our route 2. Our proposals widen the existing A12 between junctions 19 and 25 to three lanes in each direction (where it is not already) and create a three-lane bypass in each direction at Rivenhall End. This route reflects the feedback we received on junctions in our first consultation, as well as comments about the Rivenhall End bypass being close to the Rivenhall Long Mortuary Enclosure scheduled monument. The proposals also include constructing a bypass between junctions 24 and 25. Our proposed scheme will cover all the work necessary to construct the proposed new road layout.

You can respond to as many or as few of the following questions as you like, to help us understand the nature of your response.

### 2a. Do you support or oppose the proposed scheme design at junction 19? Please refer to page 13 of the consultation brochure.

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose

### 2b. Please explain your response to 2a, including any changes you think we should consider making to the proposed junction 19 design.

**2c.** Do you support or oppose the proposed design at junction 21?  
Please refer to page 14 of the consultation brochure.

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose

**2d.** Please explain your response to 2c, including any changes you think we should consider making to the proposed junction 21 design.

**2e.** Do you support or oppose the proposed design at junction 22?  
Please refer to page 15 of the consultation brochure.

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose

**2f.** Please explain your response to 2e, including any changes you think we should consider making to the proposed junction 22 design.

**2g.** Do you support or oppose the proposed design at junction 24?  
Please refer to page 16 of the consultation brochure.

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose

**2h.** Please explain your response to 2g, including any changes you think we should consider making to the proposed junction 24 design.

**2i. Do you support or oppose the proposed design at junction 25?  
Please refer to page 16 of the consultation brochure.**

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose

**2j. Please explain your response to 2i, including any changes you think we should consider making to the proposed junction 25 design.**

2k. Please provide any comments you have on other parts of the design, such as the sections between the junctions on the proposed new road.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for providing comments on the design.

### 3. Environmental impacts

Understanding the impacts that our scheme proposals may have on the environment and local communities, as well as health and wellbeing, has been a key consideration in the development and refinement of the proposed scheme.

We are currently gathering information through a process called Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which focuses on environmentally sensitive areas. While the EIA is ongoing, we have produced a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) of the initial emerging findings of the EIA. This describes the environmental and community setting and anticipated impacts of the proposed scheme.

A Non-Technical Summary of the PEIR has also been prepared to summarise the emerging environmental and health effects. You can find these documents on our website [www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12). You can also find out more about the report and the environmental and health impacts on pages 18 to 28 of the consultation brochure.

- 3a. Please provide us with any comments you may have on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) or the Non-Technical Summary. This includes any additional potential environmental ideas which you would like to see delivered for the proposed scheme.**

## 4. Walkers, cyclists and horse riders

The proposed scheme affects 23 public rights of way, existing walking, cycling and horse riding (WCH) routes and a National Cycle Route (route 16). Maintaining and enhancing these connections for walkers, cyclists and horse riders is a key objective for us.

Our proposals have been developed in discussion with walking, cycling and horse riding stakeholders, and aim to better link to other paths or communities. They will also be designed to the latest standards. This will enable people to cross the route safely and conveniently and avoid using busy road junctions. There would be seven new bridges for WCH users and approximately 9 miles (15 km) of new or improved walking and cycling paths across the proposed scheme.

Further information can be found on page 43 of the consultation brochure.

### 4a. Do you support or oppose the proposed alterations to routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders?

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose

### 4b. Please provide us with any comments you may have on our proposed alterations to routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

## 5. Bypass routes and other side roads

Once the proposed new bypass between junctions 22 and 23 is in use, it is proposed that this part of the existing A12 road would be handed over to Essex County Council's Highway Authority.

Likewise, once the proposed new bypass between junctions 24 and 25 is in use, it is proposed that this part of the existing road would be handed over to Essex County Council's Highway Authority. Please refer to the map on page 46 of the consultation brochure for further information.

**5a. What are your views on the plans for the existing road and local roads?  
Please refer to pages 46 to 49 of the consultation brochure.**

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose

**5b. Please provide us with any comments you may have in relation to 5a.**

## 6. Construction

The proposed scheme will bring many benefits to road users and support economic growth. However, it is a major project and we do recognise that there will be local impacts during its construction. Making sure that we are a good neighbour to those living and working near the proposed scheme is important to us.

We are confident that our experience in managing major construction projects, combined with the feedback from this consultation, will help us plan the construction in a way that keeps both disruption and inconvenience to a minimum.

**6a. Do you support or oppose the construction methodology for the proposed scheme? Please refer to pages 50 to 53 of the consultation brochure.**

<input type="checkbox"/>				
Strongly support	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Strongly oppose

**6b. Please provide us with any comments you may have on the construction methodology.**

## 7. About this consultation

We would like to understand how you heard about this consultation so that we can understand the best way to reach road users and those who are interested in this scheme.

### 7a. How did you hear about this consultation? (Please select all that apply).

- Received a letter from Highways England
- Received an email from Highways England
- Received an email alert from the Highways England website
- Read about it on Highways England social media
- Newspaper:
- Online:
- Local radio or TV:
- Poster
- Received information from local authority
- Word of mouth
- Parish Council newsletter
- Other: (please state)

### 7b. Which communication channel(s) have you used to find out more about the proposed scheme? Tick all that apply:

- Highways England scheme website
- Council website
- Local press
- Consultation event
- Other: (please state)

**7c. How useful did you find our consultation materials, including the consultation booklet, in helping you understand your position?**

	Very useful	Somewhat useful	Neutral	Not very useful	Not useful at all	Not applicable
Consultation booklet	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Virtual exhibition	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Preliminary Environmental Information Report	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Preliminary Environmental Information Report Non-Technical Summary	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Traffic Modelling Report for Consultation	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Flythrough	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Website	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Webinars	<input type="checkbox"/>					

## Equality and diversity

We would be grateful if you could answer the following equality and diversity questions. We will use the information we receive to help understand whether our consultation has been useful to people of different backgrounds and requirements. We may publish a summary of the results, but no information about an individual would be revealed.

The answers you provide to this question are defined as 'special category data'. If you agree to provide this information you can withdraw your permission for us to use it at any time. To do that, please email [DataProtectionAdvice@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:DataProtectionAdvice@highwaysengland.co.uk)

- I consent to Highways England processing my special category data for the purposes of understanding the accessibility of the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening consultation. I have read Highways England's privacy notice and understood how it will be processing this data.

### 1. What is your gender?

- Male     Female     Transgender     Prefer not to say

### 2. Do you consider yourself as a person with a disability?

- Yes     No     Prefer not to say

### 3. Please describe your ethnic background:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed ethnic background  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White               | <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Irish Traveller |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/black British | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese             | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say        |

### 4. Age:

- |                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16-24    | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34    | <input type="checkbox"/> 65+   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44    |                                |

## How to submit your response form

Please only use the following official response channels. We cannot guarantee that responses sent to any other address will be included in our analysis.



### Online response form

Fill in the online survey at:

**[www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12)**



### Freepost

Post your response form or comments to:

#### **FREEPOST A12 WIDENING**

The Freepost address is the only text needed on the envelope, and no stamp is required.



### Email

Email your comments to:

**[A12chelmsfordA120wide@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A12chelmsfordA120wide@highwaysengland.co.uk)**

### How your response will be used

We will carefully consider all the responses we receive, before producing a report that explains how they have been taken into account in the development of our project.



## Have your say

Please send your response before  
**11.59pm on Monday 16 August 2021**

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