

Response Form Completion - Guidance Notes

It is vital that we submit as many response forms as possible to ensure that Highways England not only hears our message, but also really appreciates the scale of opposition to the proposed roundabout and flyover.

In order to make completion as easy as possible the following notes & guidance has been put together.

Section 1.

This is all about you, so complete as appropriate

Sections 2a - 2j.

These questions relate to specific junctions within the proposal and should be answered as you feel appropriate.

Section 2k

We specifically object to the creation of a roundabout on the current A12 (which will be de-trunked) and the building of a flyover linking the roundabout to Easthorpe Road. We believe that this will create a “rat run” access to the new A12 at junction 24 for traffic both joining the A12 and leaving the A12.

Easthorpe Road is a single track country lane that cannot handle traffic of this nature. The traffic figures published by Highways England are from 2016 and thus not reflective of current traffic levels. The modeling they have done using the 2016 figures is therefore misleading as to the true impact of the proposal.

The road is used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The proposal poses a serious risk of injury or death to these groups.

We believe the roundabout and flyover should not be built, thus saving the project millions of pounds and that Easthorpe Road should be closed off.

Section 3a

The Environmental Impact Assessment only focuses on the proposed A12 route.

The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) makes no reference to any impact on Easthorpe Road and the associated impact of an increase in traffic that would arise as a result of the proposal.

Section 4a & b

No consideration has been given to walkers, cyclists and horse riders that use Easthorpe Road. The proposal poses a serious risk of injury or death to these groups.

Section 5a & b

We believe the proposal will turn Easthorpe Road into more of a “rat run” than it already is. The road is not fit for the volume and type of traffic that will be created.

Easthorpe Road is a narrow country lane that does not have many passing places. There are numerous points where the road narrows to 3.5 metres. Vehicles often meet at these points resulting in one or more having to reverse. This is damaging the road edges, verges, banks and private property

There are numerous “blind” corners, often at narrow points. This is especially dangerous to walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The proposal poses a serious risk of injury or death to these groups.

Section 6a & b

Two of the main construction compound areas are on either side of Easthorpe Road. Easthorpe Road is not suitable for any kind of construction traffic. All construction traffic should be prohibited from using Easthorpe Road.

Section 7

Complete as appropriate

Equality & Diversity

Complete as appropriate