



Meeting note

Project name	A12 Chelmsford to A120
Status	Final
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	15 May 2019
Meeting with	Highways England
Venue	Planning Inspectorate Offices
Meeting objectives	Project update meeting
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed, and advice given:

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

The Applicant provided an overview of progress since an initial meeting with the Inspectorate in 2017. The Applicant explained some context about the history of the scheme development and the relationship of this stretch of the strategic road network with other Highways England schemes as well as road improvements supported by local highway authorities.

The Applicant noted that the process of identifying and promoting potential Garden Communities had been active in the vicinity of the scheme – a process supported by North Essex Councils and promoted through the draft development plans in the area. Lack of certainty in respect of the timescales and outcomes of that process had consequential impacts on the progress and timing of Highways England's proposals. The Applicant at this point was just seeking to update the Inspectorate on these matters.