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Dear **Mr. Richard Price**

A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 46: DUTY TO NOTIFY SECRETARY OF STATE OF
PROPOSED APPLICATION

I am hereby notifying you under Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 that Highways England ('the Applicant') intends to apply under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme.

Consultation Information

Highways England will be undertaking statutory pre-application consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 between **22nd June 2021** and **16th August 2021**. Please find the documents listed in this letter attached in the accompanying email. Additionally we have set up a Teams channel, the link to which is again in the accompanying email and all of the information that has been supplied to S42 prescribed consultees as part of this consultation is included on that channel. This information has been supplied either by hardcopy, memory sticks or via the project website at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12 and the covering letters provided confirm how this information has been supplied to the consultees. The information provided is as follows:

- Covering letters for S42 cat 1, 2, 3 and 4 (landowners, host and neighbouring local authorities and prescribed consultees)
- Section 48 Notice
- Section 47 Notice
- Consultation brochure
- Consultation response form
- Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report, accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary
- Traffic Modelling Report for Consultation
- Map books 1, 2 and 3 (general arrangement plans, land use plans and engineering plans)

We would also like to draw your attention to the fact that in addition to this being a highways scheme under the Planning Act 2008, the proposed scheme includes changes to a number of existing utilities. These changes include the diversion of two high pressure gas pipelines operated by Cadent Gas Limited. The first high pressure gas pipeline is located between Springfield in Chelmsford and Little Braxted running along the southern side of the A12 within the local authority areas of Chelmsford and Braintree. The second is located between the Witham Bypass and Little Braxted running along the south of the A12 also in the local authority area of Braintree (the Diversions). To the extent that the Diversions satisfy the criteria to be considered an NSIP under section 20 of the Planning Act 2008, the Diversions will be treated as NSIPs in their own right.

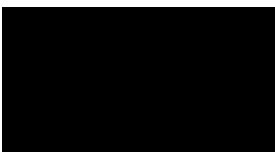
Even though the Diversions may be treated as NSIPs in their own right, as they are part of the proposed scheme they will form part of the application for development consent which will be made by Highways England to the Secretary of State for Transport. To the extent the Diversions are an NSIP in their own right they would also be considered against the relevant energy National Policy Statements within the application.

Consultation arrangements

All consultation materials will be available online at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12 where there is also a virtual exhibition, where people can find out more about the webinars we will be hosting and the scheme in general. In addition, and subject to the government COVID road map, a series of public consultation events and pick up locations will be available. The times of the public consultation events and the pick up locations are set out in the SoCC and will also be included on the website. We have directed consultees to the website for further information about these elements due to the uncertainty caused by COVID-19. Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found on the website and in the enclosed Section 48 Notice.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided below. Please acknowledge that this notice has been received as a record of compliance.

Yours sincerely,



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