

Our ref: TR010060/S56

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Date: 25/10/2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

**A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 56: NOTIFYING PERSONS OF ACCEPTED
APPLICATION
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND
PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009: REGULATION 8
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2017: REGULATION 16**

I am writing regarding the proposed A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme (the "proposed scheme") which includes the widening of the existing A12 in Essex to three lanes throughout in each direction between junctions 19 (Boreham Interchange) and 25 (Marks Tey), where it is not already three lanes. This would mainly involve online widening of the existing carriageway, together with new offline highway created between junctions 22 and 23 (Rivenhall End Bypass) and between junctions 24 and 25 (Kelvedon to Marks Tey). It would be accompanied by junction improvements (junctions 19 and 25), construction of new junctions catering for traffic movements both north and southbound (new junctions 21 and 22 at Hatfield Peverel and 24 at Kelvedon), and removal of existing junctions 20a, 20b and 23.

The proposals include the diversion and alteration of a high pressure gas main, east of Witham, that is an NSIP in its own right.

National Highways is seeking development consent for the scheme under the Planning Act 2008 (the "2008 Act"). This legislation requires National Highways to make an application to the Planning Inspectorate ('the Inspectorate') for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to get the consent we need to build the scheme.

National Highways submitted its application for a DCO on 15 August 2022. This application was accepted for examination by the Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 12 September 2022. National Highways is writing to you because it is required to notify you of an accepted application.

In accordance with the 2008 Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, please find enclosed with this letter a **section 56 notice** and a **USB memory stick** with a file containing:

- A copy of the accepted application
- A map showing where the proposed development is to be found at document 2.1 Location plan (volume 2); and
- A copy of the Environmental Statement (volume 6)

The application form and accompanying application documents including plans, maps and the Environment Statement are available for inspection and download free of charge on the relevant project webpage of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a12-chelmsford-to-a120-widening-scheme/?ipcsection=docs>

The period for making a Relevant Representation started on 22 September 2022. The enclosed notice states the period for making representations ends on 4 November 2022.

However, as you have been identified as a new land interest after the start of this period / our records indicate you have not yet received this notice from us, we have agreed with the Planning Inspectorate that you may provide representations, and register that you wish to participate in the examination until **23:59 on 28 November 2022**. Details of how to register to participate in the examination and submit a relevant representation are included in the enclosed notice. **However, given the revised deadline, please submit any relevant representation by email** to the Planning Inspectorate at:

a12chelmsforda120@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

The Inspectorate have issued detailed advice on registering as an interested party and making a relevant representation, to which you are advised to have regard. This Advice Note (8.2 – How to Register to Participate in an Examination) is published on the National Infrastructure Planning website under 'Legislation and Advice' and can be found at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

Further information regarding the availability of the DCO Application documents and where you can view them is included in the enclosed section 56 notice. **Representations must be received by the Inspectorate no later than 23:59 28 November 2022**. Please note that any submitted representations to the Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application.

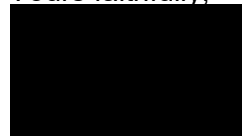
For further information about the Application, please contact us using the following details:

Post: A12 Project Team, National Highways, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK41 7LW

Email: A12chelmsfordA120wide@nationalhighways.co.uk

Telephone: 0300 123 5000

Yours faithfully,



Tracey Harvey
Project Manager
National Highways

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- Section 56 Notice
- USB Memory Stick with the full application

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National Highways

Section 56 Planning Act 2008

Regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Regulation 16 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

Notice of Acceptance of an Application for a Development Consent Order

A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application by **National Highways Company Limited** of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application"). The Application was submitted by National Highways to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate ("the Inspectorate") on **15 August 2022** and was accepted for examination on **12 September 2022**. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is TR010060.

Summary of the Application

The DCO would authorise a nationally significant infrastructure project ("NSIP") for the alteration of an existing highway. The Application proposes the widening of the existing A12 in Essex to three lanes throughout in each direction between junctions 19 (Boreham Interchange) and 25 (Marks Tey), where it is not already three lanes. This would mainly involve online widening of the existing carriageway, together with new offline highway created between junctions 22 and 23 (Rivenhall End Bypass) and between junctions 24 and 25 (Kelvedon to Marks Tey). It would be accompanied by junction improvements (junctions 19 and 25), construction of new junctions catering for traffic movements both north and southbound (new junctions 21 and 22 at Hatfield Peverel and 24 at Kelvedon), and removal of existing junctions 20a, 20b and 23.

The proposals include the diversion and alteration of a high pressure gas main, east of Witham, that is an NSIP in its own right.

The DCO would permit the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation and maintenance of the scheme.

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The DCO would make provision for several associated and ancillary matters, including the following:

- Improvements to existing local roads, including Kelvedon Road, Inworth;
- Drainage and attenuation ponds;
- New bridges over the A12;
- Improvements to the cycling footpath and bridleway network;
- Detrunking of sections of the existing A12 at Rivenhall End and between Kelvedon and Marks Tey;
- Alteration, creation, extinguishment or suspension of highways;
- Creation, stopping up and alteration of accesses to highways;
- Traffic regulation measures; diversion and alteration of existing above ground cables;
- Removal, disposal, replacement or re-siting of pipes, cables, conduits and apparatus;
- Removal of trees, hedgerows and vegetation;
- Operation and management of the A12;
- Discharge of waters into inland waters or underground strata;
- Creation of borrow pits to provide aggregates for constructing the scheme;
- Disapplication of byelaws and local legislation; and
- acquisition and use of open space land and provision of replacement land.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The scheme is Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development") as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Copies of Application Documents

The application form and accompanying application documents including plans, maps and the Environment Statement are available for inspection and download free of charge on the relevant project webpage of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a12-chelmsford-to-a120-widening-scheme/?ipcsection=docs> under the documents tab from the 12 September 2022.

An electronic copy of the application documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick within this letter. A paper copy of the application documents can also be supplied, but there will be a reasonable charge for paper copies to cover the cost of printing, packaging and postage up to a maximum charge of £4604 for a complete set of application documents.

Please contact National Highways via the following contact details if you have any enquiries about any of the application documents or to request a copy of the application documents:

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Post: A12 Project Team, National Highways, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK41 7LW

Email: A12chelmsfordA120wide@nationalhighways.co.uk

Telephone: 0300 123 5000

Making a relevant representation on the Application

Any person may make a relevant representation on the Application to the Secretary of State (such as giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application). Any relevant representation relating to the Application must be submitted on a registration form and give the grounds on which it is made. The Inspectorate have issued detailed advice on registering as an interested party and making a relevant representation, to which you are advised to have regard. This Advice Note (8.2 – How to Register to Participate in an Examination) is published on the National Infrastructure Planning website under ‘Legislation and Advice’ and can be found at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

The period for making a relevant representation starts on **22 September 2022** and will end at **11.59pm on 4 November 2022**. Please note that any submitted representations to the Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application.

The Registration and Relevant Representation form will be made available by the Inspectorate once the registration / relevant representation period has opened on the Inspectorate’s project web page:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a12-chelmsford-to-a120-widening-scheme/>

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the registration / relevant representation form by telephoning **0303 444 5000** quoting the name of the Application and the Inspectorate’s reference number **TR010060**.

The completed form must be received by the deadline for relevant representations. A completed hard copy form to be submitted to the Inspectorate should be sent to:

The Planning Inspectorate
Major Applications & Plans
3D
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
Bristol
BS1 6PN

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