



Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)

Project name:	A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme
Address/Location:	The Proposed Development is located in Essex (south east England) and extends for approximately 24km in length between Chelmsford and Colchester along the route of the existing A12 between junction 19 and junction 25.
Planning Inspectorate Ref:	TR010060

TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening:	A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme Environmental Scoping Report ('the Scoping Report')
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The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development which comprises the widening of the A12 between junction 19 in Chelmsford and junction 25 to the west of Colchester. The Proposed Development will widen the A12 to three lanes with a bypass between junctions 22 and 23, and a second bypass between junctions 24 and 25. The Proposed Development will include safety improvements including the closing off existing at grade accesses, and reducing access to cyclists along the dual carriageway by provided an alternative route for non-motorised users.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development's likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.

The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Action: No further action required at this stage.

Date: 09 December 2020

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING

Document(s) used for transboundary screening:

Environmental Statement (Document References 6.1 to 6.4)

The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the Proposed Development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.

The Inspectorate considers that the Proposed Development is **unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

Action: No further action required at this stage.

Date: 16 December 2022

Note: The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

Note:

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>