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I wish to make this written submission on behalf of the residents of Boreham village. Unfortunately I was unaware of the closing date for registration for speakers; equally I am conscious of the restricted time available for verbal contributions and do not wish to impinge on the time available for residents.

Clearly both I and the residents I represent are in favour of the A12 widening scheme; the challenge is to avoid this charming village from being overwhelmed by additional traffic volumes. Boreham which I regard as a golden nugget in the Essex Countryside already suffers from considerable through traffic aiming for the A12 at junction 19.

I understand why the Boreham conservation society in particular continues to argue for attention of the Southbound junction 20a. If, as I suspect, this option is discounted we need to ensure that the volume of traffic turning left at Hatfield Peverel to come through Boreham is minimal. This will need robust signage, ample and appropriate devices and vigorous enforcement. While the one minute saving achieved by turning right may be seen as adequate to the outsider, it will be counter intuitive to the driver. You could argue that if too many turn left the congestion will create such time delays that drivers learn and the problem disappears; that is a problem that my residents should not be asked to face.

I am very pleased that Essex Police have put forward the case for average speed cameras – hopefully along the whole route to Junction 19. At least two traffic light controlled pedestrian crossings will be essential and, as I have said, the signage at Hatfield Peverel needs to be comprehensive and compelling.

Kind regards,

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