

Tiptree Parish Council case regarding the siting of A12 Junction 24 -summary

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1. Tiptree Parish Council (TPC) welcomes the proposed A12 widening scheme. However TPC is concerned that:
 - a. National Highways (NH) have not adequately considered the impact of the Junction 24 proposals upon traffic flow in Tiptree village.
 - b. This has resulted in flawed methodology that has led to an inappropriate siting of Junction 24
2. The lack of informed modelling of traffic flow through Tiptree has led to assumed benefits that have been shown subsequently to be of no benefit at all.
3. In particular, the policy that directs all traffic onto a single minor road (Inworth Road) has been shown to be unacceptable, not least because of the potential for traffic through the centre of Tiptree to increase by up to 150%.
4. Traffic modelling by NH clearly leaves much to be desired. The latest figures predicting traffic increases in Inworth Road that are only 10% of what they were predicted to be in 2019 does not inspire confidence in predictive computer modelling by NH. NH cannot have it both ways. The predicted 150% increases in 2019 were clearly unacceptable. If these are correct then the huge increase in traffic in Inworth Road and through Tiptree village centre makes it obvious that Junction 24 should not be placed in this location. If the latest figures are correct then the original justification for placing the Junction in Inworth Road is no longer valid. Either way **there is no valid justification for the proposed siting of Junction 24.**
5. The best solution is to leave Junction 24 at Prested Hall (as per option A). That way traffic levels in Church Road, Inworth Road and Braxted Park Road will remain at levels similar to existing levels. Together with necessary improvements to the Braxted Park Road, this will provide good access to the A12 without resulting in unacceptable levels of traffic through Church Road, Tiptree or Inworth Road.

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