

TR010060 " A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme

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This submission is supplemental to our previous representations submitted in October 2022.

We attended the preliminary meeting and open floor hearings on 12th January 2023 and we appreciate the opportunity we were given to speak at the hearing.

We wish to emphasise the following issues, which are indicated on the accompanying plans and photographs, and to request that the Inspector instructs National Highways to take the following steps to mitigate the extremely adverse effects that this scheme will have on our home.

Columbyne Cottage is a traditional Essex weatherboard cottage, circa 250 years old. It has been in our family for over 85 years and is very dear to us. When Mary Lindsay's parents purchased the cottage in 1938 there was no Kelvedon by-pass and it was only in 1966 that the current A12 was built.

Boundary fronting the B1023

The NH red line indicating order limits on the B1023 appears to encroach on our front boundary hedge.

The hedge was planted over 80 years ago and forms a screen for our home against traffic noise and pollution as well as the increased activity on the B1023 both during and after the scheme.

We request that the Inspector requires NH to give a guarantee that our front boundary hedge will remain intact.

Haul Roads

The haul road running along our southeastern boundary was not shown on the original consultation documents and is a very recent feature.

It is not shown how the vehicles using this haul road will access it but it can only be from the B1023.

The heavy vehicles using this haul road traffic will be a constant source of noise vibration and pollution.

We request that the Inspector requires NH not to use this track as a haul road. This would reduce the impact on the peaceful enjoyment of our home and also benefit traffic on the B1023 that will, in any case, be adversely affected by construction work.

Borrow Pits and Materials Storage Areas

The borrow pits and materials storage areas are situated in the field on the opposite side of the B1023 directly in front of our home and overlooked by our windows. Materials excavated are apparently to be stored here and then transported along the haul roads.

We will be subjected to noise and dust from the haul road and the storage area.

We request that the Inspector requires NH to take steps to mitigate the effects on our home with screening, and air pollution reduction measures.

We also request that the storage of materials is located further away from our property.

Laydown Area for Storage of Equipment and Supplies

A "Laydown area" is shown on the plan, opposite and in close proximity to our property. This will be a constant source of noise and light pollution disturbing our sleep as our bedrooms overlook it.

We request that the Inspector requires NH to relocate this further away from our house.

Traffic Noise from completed road

We are concerned about increased noise from the A12 when it has been widened. Some parts of the new A12 will have "Low noise surface" but the section near us appears not to have this.

We request that the Inspector requires NH to ensure that the A12 in the area of Junction 24, together with this section of the new Kelvedon Bypass, are also constructed with the "Low Noise Surface with enhanced noise reducing properties."