

A12 DCO examination. Preliminary Hearing am 12 January 2023.

My name of Councillor Katherine Evans. I'm representing Feering Parish Council.

Designated Funds

Feering Parish Council (FPC) are unclear as to whether and when the issue of Designated Funds will be addressed. We understand that other Parishes along the route are also unclear in this matter. FPC ask that Designated Funds are included somewhere in Principal Issues. We have been advised that this may be a way of alleviating some of the impact on local roads and routes and local connectivity, both motorised and non motorised. But if it's not covered in designated funds, then we probably / may well need to raise it as part of this DCO hearing.

Deadline Dates & "Purdah"

Feering Parish Council (FPC) make the same point about the coronation and the bank holiday that has already been made.

The stretch of the A12 from Hatfield Peverel parish to and including Feering parish, which is a main stretch of the A 12, is in Braintree district. There are going to be local parish and district council elections on the 4th May. So, there may be changes in Councillors on the 4th May. Deadline 5 at the beginning of May allows very little time for any new Councillors to get up to speed.

FPC have been advised that "purdah" does not affect the participation by Councillors and Officers in this A12 examination. But I'd just like to clarify that this is correct.

NOTE: Gary Sung, BDC Planning Officer later spoke from the floor regarding "purdah".... BDC are going to consult our legal team and elections team as to whether it will be an issue. And we'll get back to you in a written representation following this meeting.