

## **A12 DCO examination. Open Floor Hearing2 12 January 2023.**

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

FPC are on the line of the A12.

Other people have mentioned junction 24 – called Kelvedon North / Feering. J24 is being moved from its current position to further down Inworth Road. FPC will be making written representations about J24.

### 1) TRAFFIC PREDICTIONS

Other people have also mentioned their concerns about the way the traffic predictions have changed between the statutory consultation, the supplementary consultation and now the DCO. FPC are also concerned. Specifically the traffic predictions for:

- Easthorpe Road
- Inworth Road north of the A12 which includes the narrow historic Hinds Bridge -which has been mentioned - to Gore Pit Corner.
- Inworth Road through Inworth, which has been mentioned.

It is not clear to FPC why the traffic predictions have changed. It would be helpful to know why. Also to note that the last actual traffic survey was done in 2019 and we are now the beginning of 2023. It would be helpful if there was an another actual live traffic survey, rather than just forecasts and modelling.

#### Comments made at the end:

In the document APP-256, predicted traffic impacts on local roads, Feering Hill (*location 21*) and Inworth Road (*location 23, north of A12*) are in Feering not in Kelvedon. It is requested that National Highways amend their text.

Also in document APP-083, Planning ID 40 and ID 41, that London Road is not in Feering but in Marks Tey. Again it is requested that National Highways amend their text.

### 2) LIST OF DEVELOPMENTS COUNTED [APP-198]

Feering Parish Council (FPC) are also concerned the short and long list of developments [APP-182].

It would be very helpful if the lists rather than just having the districts also have the parishes. Even knowing what development are happening in Feering & Kelvedon, it is difficult to identify them in the list without the parish details.

FPC have made representations to National Highways (NH) about the developments that are being counted (included):

- NH are still including the London Road development in Kelvedon, which has currently been refused outline planning permission [Planning ID 34].
- NH appear to have missed the Parker development at Watering Farm in Kelvedon for 35 homes. This has outline planning permission and is at the REM (Reserved Matters) stage.  
*Post-hearing note: Apologies, this development is included as Planning ID 38*
- Feering has been made a strategic growth location by Braintree District Council in their local plan, which was adopted in July 2022. This will add 1000 homes to Feering, which is about doubling the size of the village. At the moment 162 homes are being built which are included [Planning ID 13]. But there appears to be no way in which the extra traffic generated by the remaining planned 850 homes can be taken into account in in this DCO application and in the traffic predictions. The Strategic Growth location straddles Inworth Road, which you've heard about. People living in the Strategic Growth Location will go down Inworth Road, across the narrow Hinds Bridge to the new junction 24 to get onto the A 12. It really beggars belief that there is no way in which this 1000 home development, which is in the BDC adopted local plan, can be taken into account. It would be good if there was some way that that it could be accounted for.

### 3) CROWN ESTATES REPRESENTATION [RR-041]

The Strategic Growth Location is largely Crown Estates land. The Woods plc representation, on behalf of Crown Estates [RR-041], includes an earlier draft plan – NOT the actual plan in the **adopted** BDC Local Plan of July 2022. In particular, the Crown Estates representation states that BDC **require** some Crown Estates

land to be used as a countryside park or open space. This is **not** at all what it states in the BDC adopted Local Plan policy. FPC will be providing extracts from policy LPP21 which is the Feering Strategic Growth Location in the BDC Local Plan.