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Dear Sir/Madam

**Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme Project**

Further to your Rule 8 letter dated 20 January 2023 regarding the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme Project, Chelmsford City Council submits the following:

**Submission Documents**

In accordance with deadline 2, please find enclosed the following:

- Chelmsford City Council's Local Impact Report
- Chelmsford City Council's Response to the Examining Authorities Written Questions (ExQ1)

**Statement of Common Ground**

I can confirm that Chelmsford City Council has been working with the Applicant National Highways regarding the Statement of Common Ground. A draft Statement of Common Ground will be submitted separately by the Applicant.

**Hearings**

Further to the Pre-Examination Meeting, and in accordance with the Notification of hearings letter dated 31 January 2023, Chelmsford City Council notes that it wishes to be heard at the hearings to the examination. Chelmsford City Council has duly completed the hearing registration form(s).

For the avoidance of doubt, as a Host Authority, Chelmsford City Council wishes to have speaking rights at the hearings so that its representatives can address the Examining Authority and respond to any questions raised.

As the Agenda for the Environmental Matters hearing has not been set, Chelmsford City Council defers to its Local Impact Report as the basis for the speaking at the hearing.

As set out in the Local Impact Report, Chelmsford City Council's main concerns are the following:

- Effect upon Boreham village
- Paynes Lane Bridge
- Environmental Impacts

#### **Comments on the Applicants draft Itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)**

Although publicly accessible, Chelmsford City Council asks that consideration be given to stopping at B1137 Main Road, Boreham (Paynes Lane / Boreham House). These locations are accessed along Main Road Boreham and parking is available within local laybys.

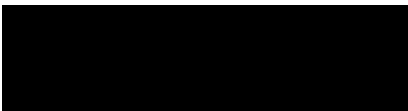
The reason for the site visit is to enable consideration of the setting and views of Boreham House and The Generals (listed building) and views north along Paynes Lane towards the location of the proposed Paynes Lane WCH Bridge.

The Council would be grateful if the Examining Authority can have regard to visiting the following publicly accessible locations within Boreham. These are accessed along B1137 Main Road and are proposed for further mitigation measures within the Council's Local Impact Report:

- Boreham Co-op (crossing)
- Boreham village entrance (road narrowing)
- Land outside Orchard cottages (road narrowing & softer measures)
- Pedestrian entrance to recreation ground (road narrowing)

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Yours sincerely



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For

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