

# **A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Project**

Deadline 2 submission - Comments on the Applicant's draft itinerary for the ASI

13 February 2023

## Response to the Applicant's draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

Essex County Council (ECC) has reviewed document reference REP1-004 Deadline 1 Submission – 9.5 Draft Accompanied Site Inspection – Rev 1 and would like to make the following comments:

1. We welcome the inclusion of Messing Village and B1023 Inworth Road within the Applicant's itinerary to inspect the construction, traffic, and environmental impacts.
2. We recommend an extended duration spent at Applicant's suggested Location C, Rivenhall End Service Station, to allow participants to view the de-trunked section at Rivenhall End and the Henry Dixon Road underpass, approximately 85m away from the Rivenhall End Service Station. The Henry Dixon Road underpass is a large structural asset proposed by the applicant to be handed over to ECC. Please note there is a flight of stairs from the A12 carriageway leading to Henry Dixon Road.
3. We recognise the ExA visited the Duke of Wellington roundabout during their unaccompanied site inspection on 11 January 2023 however we would recommend a re-visit around the Applicant's proposed timings of 15:55 to 16:30. This involves walking a further 100m from the Applicant's Location L, Duke of Wellington Bridge, to the Duke of Wellington roundabout to observe the traffic flows.
4. We noted the Braxted Road and Braxted Park Road has been excluded from the draft ASI Itinerary. We believe this location, a drive by as a minimum, should be included because this is a key route between Tiptree and the A12 which is forecast to become significantly busier. Appleford bridge is a narrow bridge located on Braxted Road that will be adversely impacted by the A12 as highlighted in ECC's Local Impact Report.
5. We noted the 13 different locations within the draft ASI Itinerary however we would still like the Examining Authority to consider Rettendon Common and Copdock as we believe it will provide useful local context around de-trunking. ECC is happy to arrange minibus transport to these locations, perhaps as a separate visit, if this would be useful.

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