

I was asked to confirm my submission to the Issue Specific Hearing. I have also uploaded a short presentation that I prepared for Priti Patel MP which has images that may help to support these points.

I live [REDACTED], which is actually the proposed location for Gershwin Boulevard Bridge. It is my understanding that the only reason for the proposed location is a historical footpath that was severed when the current A12 Witham Bypass was constructed over 50 years ago. This bridge would massively detract from the outlook from around thirty properties in Olivers Drive, Halfacres and Ashby Road.

In the proposed location, the Southern end point of the reinstated footpath will be onto a tight bend on a National Speed Limit Road with limited visibility. If the bridge was built at a location around 300 metres West of that proposed, it would link Gershwin Boulevard with the Southern part of (also severed in 1960s) Howbridge Hall Road, which would give a safer egress onto the B1018 Maldon Road.

The itinerary for tomorrow's Accompanied Site Visit includes a stop at the Southern end of Howbridge Hall Road, from which it is not possible to view the impact on residential properties to the North of the A12. An additional short stop on Gershwin Boulevard (there is parking adjacent to the Anglian Water pumping station opposite the drainage lake) would allow the inspectors to view the proposed location and my alternative suggestion. This location is actually directly opposite the part of Howbridge Hall Road used for the scheduled stop.