

A12 Chelmsford – A120 Widening Scheme Development Consent Order

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Written summary of oral representations made to Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) from Ruth Mabbutt on behalf of Chelmsford City Council

Chelmsford City Council has substantive concerns regarding the design of Paynes Lane Bridge which are set out in its Local Impact Report REP2 – 107 – LIR.

The Council is concerned that there is limited reference to design within Schedule 2, Requirements of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO).

In Interpretation 1, the definition schedule referring to the First Iteration Management Plan contains no reference to any design documentation or drawings. By definition, it follows that the omission of design documentation also applies to the second or third iteration management plans.

Requirement 10 states that the detailed design of the development must accord with the preliminary scheme design and the environmental masterplan. Yet the preliminary scheme design and other plans and documents relating to design are not referenced within the First Iteration Management Plan or elsewhere within the dDCO.

Given Chelmsford City Council's substantive concerns relating to design, it is very concerned that there is nothing within the dDCO submission at present that currently enables further consideration of the detailed design between National Highways, the City Council and other interested parties.

Typically, it would be expected that the Requirements contain provision for further plans and drawings related to the detailed design of the proposal to be submitted for consideration / discharge. There also needs to be a mechanism for dealing with amendments/revisions to drawings (to show an amended design).

The Development Consent Order, if granted, would be based on the plans and documentation submitted within the DCO application. As it stands, this presently does not refer to specific plans and documentation relating to design. This position, for the reasons set out within the Council's Local Impact Report (relating to design), is unacceptable.

Chelmsford City Council would welcome further discussion with National Highways / Interested Parties with a view to amending the Requirements schedule to refer to design and the submission of further documentation as set out above.