

**ELAF (Essex Local Access Forum) written submission of oral representation at ISH.  
Interested Party ref 20033138**

**1) Tuesday 28 February ISH1 (session 1)**

Katherine Evans, Chairman of the Essex local Access Forum

re: mitigation measures on Boreham Road (ISH1 s1)

ELAF (Essex Local Access Forum) support Essex County Council proposal that one of the ways of narrowing Boreham Main Road is to widen the off carriageway walking, cycling and horse riding provision. [ECC Local Impact report 3.3.15 refers REP2-056]

**2) Wednesday 1 March ISH1 (session 6)**

Katherine Evans, Chairman of the Essex local Access Forum

a) re Gershwin Boulevard WCH bridge

I would like to support what the two gentleman (Mr Baker and Mr Lomax) have said about the location of the bridge. It would make a lot more sense from Gershwin Boulevard and the Local Access Forum have also suggested that the WCH bridge connects across to Howbridge Hall Road.

b) re: walkers navigating Junction 21 & the demolition of Woodend Bridge

I would like to pick up on a point of discussion yesterday about Woodend Bridge. I know the examining authority has asked questions about the necessity to demolish and not replace Woodend Bridge, which is the slip road bridge at the western end of the (new) Junction 21. The Local Access Forum have asked that a footway bridge could be retained. Cyclists can go around the dumbbell junction to get from Hatfield Peverel to Witham, but walkers would have to be going from the west side of Witham, round the dumbbell junction where there are only uncontrolled crossings, and crossing slip roads. As we heard yesterday, traffic is going to be encouraged to come from Hatfield Peverel around the dumbbell junctions to go south along the A12. So walkers are going to have to round the dumbbell crossing at uncontrolled crossings to achieve the footpath on the south side of Witham.

The north side of Witham is effectively a no go area because of the railway line where there is only one railway crossing in this area. So we would like the issue of the lack of crossings and the distance for walkers to be taken into consideration.

In regard to the issues with the Duke of Wellington roundabout and Maldon Road, I can't see how a cyclist would safely get to the railway station from the west side of Witham. What happens when they get to the Duke of Wellington?