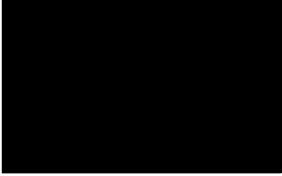


Mrs L. Debenham



The Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
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BS1 6PN
12th March 2023

Dear Sir,

RE: A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme – Proposed construction and site of Gershwin Boulevard Bridge at Witham

We have been made aware that a plan has been approved for the proposed re-instatement of an old walkway crossing the A12 at south Witham as part of the A12 widening scheme.

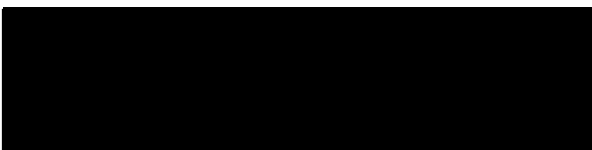
On the plan it shows a multi-use footbridge being built on the green area opposite [REDACTED]. We have also been informed by other members of the neighbourhood who attended a recent meeting (which unfortunately we could not attend) that the green area will be the work site! As someone who lives directly opposite the green with two young boys [REDACTED] this deeply concerns me. We use the green a lot and find it an enjoyable space to play outside with our children. It is a no through road, making it a safe and contained space. We are extremely concerned about the effect this work will have on the green play area once the bridge is finished. One of the selling points for this property is the lovely green space opposite and secluded nature of it, which is why we are so happy here. Many other families use the green area out and it is also a lovely area for dog walkers.

We are united in suggesting an alternative area for the bridge to be built. We suggest that the bridge be relocated further west connecting to Gershwin Boulevard. This location is further away from houses, with none directly opposite, as would be the case with the current plan. We would also like to propose that the green opposite [REDACTED] isn't used as the work area, but the land and space on the Gershwin side is used.

The green area is also a key Air Ambulance landing area, so is it wise for this space to be demolished and out of use whilst lengthy work is taking place?

We really hope that ours and the rest of the neighbourhood views will be taken into consideration with the next steps on this development project.

Yours faithfully,



Louise and Gary Debenham