

The Planning Inspectorate

Temple Quay House,
Temple Quay,

Bristol,
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26th March 2023.

Dear Sir / Madam

Re- A12 CHELMSFORD TO A120 WIDENING SCHEME.
PROPOSED FOOT BRIDGE AT WITHAM.

Our understanding is that a footbridge which is meant to provide access for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, to cross from one side of the A12, over to the other side. We cannot believe any rider would choose to use such a footbridge.

This action would involve disruption to the grass area, the works will include the removal of several mature trees that currently line the A12.

We live 150 metres from the intended location of the footbridge, we wish to object to this footbridge proposal, for the following reasons.

- ①. There is already a perfectly good route providing access from one side of the A12, over to the other. It is called Maldon Road, it goes underneath the A12. It provides access for motorists, cyclists, horse riders, and pedestrians.
- ②. In order to get to and from the footbridge would mean cyclist and horse riders, would have to go through a large residential estate.
- ③. It will involve the removal of several well established trees which currently line the A12. Removal of the trees would involve more noise and pollution from the A12 motorway, so close to a residential area.
- ④. It would be an unnecessary expense and an eyesore on a piece of green which local people value. The grass field area is currently used for children to play, people walking/exercising, and dog walkers. Our understanding is the whole field would be used during construction to be a work site.

As far as we are aware no consultation has taken place with residents of this area and were shocked to hear this proposed footbridge.

We object to this Proposal

Yours Sincerely

