

A12 Widening Scheme Jn 19 to Jn25

My name is Charles Martin and I have submitted, in conjunction with the Boreham Conservation Society (Bill Kyle), several items to the ExA re Jn 20A.

I note recently that the Applicant is considering changes to the northbound slip road onto the A12 from Jn19.

I have two concerns about this proposed change:-

1. The Applicant has on many occasions argued that my proposal for retaining junction 20A southbound will produce problems for traffic entering the A12 southbound from the proposed Jn21 clashing with traffic entering southbound from my proposed Jn20A due to the weaving lengths between the end of the jn21 merge and the jn20A nosing being too short. I estimate this weaving length is somewhere between 1000m to 1200m.

With the Applicant's revised proposal for the Jn19 slip northbound, I estimate that the distance between the proposed northbound merge and the existing slip nosing will be some 250m to 350m.

I fail to see how the Applicant's argument re the weaving length being too short for the area around Hatfield Peverel between Jn. 21 and my proposed 20A is valid and I request that this argument is ignored.

2. The Applicant's initially submitted proposal to merge the two northbound slip roads from Jn19 into one before entering the A12 main line indicated that Beaulieu Bridge traffic wishing the travel onto the A12 northbound would have a dedicated left only slip avoiding the Generals Roundabout signalised junction. If this idea is now to be abandoned, how will traffic enter the A12 northbound from Beaulieu in the interim period between the completion of Beaulieu Bridge/ Radial Relief Road. If the proposal is to make this traffic wait at the roundabout signals, circulate around the roundabout and enter the existing northbound slip onto the A12; I can see this will create some unforeseen capacity problems on the Generals Roundabout. This needs to be assessed in detail to ensure that no capacity reduction is produced. We have waited long enough for the Beaulieu Radial Relief Road and Jn19 capacity improvements to come on stream and we do not wish to see this improvement eroded almost immediately.

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