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Dear Sirs,

**Ref: TR010060 & A12C-AFP301.**  
**A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme.**

I refer to the Examination Library (updated 21st March), specifically document APP-094: 6.3 Environmental Statement - Appendix 3.2: Maldon Road and Hatfield Peverel Bypass Technical Report, and make the following comments.

Seven route options were apparently investigated but all with the possible exception of 3B, being the farthest away from the village itself, are too close to the built area and would hardly encourage traffic away from Hatfield Peverel (particularly vehicles travelling between Maldon and Chelmsford), which is contrary to the whole concept of a bypass.

The sketch shown at plate 5.2 on page 27 shows preferred option 2B crossing land on which outline planning permission for up to 110 dwellings has already been granted by Braintree District Council (application 20/01264/OUT) following statutory consultation with Essex County Council and others. This also shows preferred route 2B connecting to the Green in Maldon Road, which comprises part of the village, and is no more than 800 metres from the junction of Maldon Road with The Street.

Point 10.1.3 on page 50 attempts to distance NH from any recognition of the need for a bypass and one might question the veracity with which this subject has been treated in the preceding pages to arrive at its conclusion.

Point 10.1.4 refers to environmental challenges posed by a bypass passing through what is described as 'rural countryside' but much of this comprises farmland disturbed by former adjacent gravel workings and the landowner has previously put all this area forward for potential development. In fact a portion of their land already forms a major part of the development under planning application 20/01264/OUT, mentioned above.

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NH has recommended a bypass is not included as part of the A12 scheme and, whilst its concern for the rural countryside may appear commendable, it completely ignores the environmental challenges and pressures its scheme will create for the residents of Hatfield Peverel, including increased air pollution, noise, as well as safety of pedestrians and cyclists and added congestion on roads within and around the village.

Yours sincerely,

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