

A12 Chelmsford – A120 Widening Scheme Development Consent Order

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Written summary of oral representations made to Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) from Ruth Mabbutt on behalf of Chelmsford City Council

Chelmsford City Council's concerns regarding traffic are set out within its Local Impact Report REP2 – 107 – LIR.

Chelmsford City Council support Essex County Council's position that requirements in relation to design and deliverability need to be clarified.

Regarding mitigation, Chelmsford City Council supports Essex County Council's position that average speed cameras should be installed along the B1137 (Main Road) through the settlement of Boreham. This position has been set out in the Council's Local Impact Report above.

Chelmsford City Council defers to Essex County Council as the Highways Authority regarding the acceptability of the technical modelling and data.

Chelmsford City Council's position is that there needs to be a mechanism to enforce lower speeds and reduce traffic flows within Boreham. There is also a clear need for road speeds within Boreham to be consistent. The proposed figures and modelling need to account for human nature.

As seen on the Examining Authorities site visit, Boreham is a busy linear residential settlement. The roadside is flanked by predominantly residential development, interspersed with commercial uses. Residential gardens face towards the roadside. The public rights of way (footpaths) that flank either side of the B1137 are well used by pedestrians and cyclists resulting in modest footfall. Pedestrian movements and activity are higher at key areas / crossings such as the Co-op. There is a need to protect the safety of these users.

Average speed cameras are a mechanism to ensure that consistently lower speeds will occur within Boreham, which in turn will protect highway users; particularly pedestrians and will result in highway safety benefits. Chelmsford City Council maintains its position that average speed cameras should be provided by National Highways in consultation with Essex County Council as a mechanism to protect highway and pedestrian safety.