



TERLING AND FAIRSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening statutory consultation to 16 August 2021

Highways England is intending to advance proposals for the above and has commenced the statutory consultation process. The proposed scheme is categorised as a Nationally Significant Project under the Planning Act 2008.

The application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate acting on behalf of Secretary of State. If the application is successful a Development Consent Order (DCO) will be issued.

Highways England is holding a series of webinars and exhibitions, and these are detailed in the Highways England brochure and on website www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A12

Exhibition dates:

- Thursday 8 July 2pm-8pm Rivenhall Hotel Witham CM8 3HB
- Saturday 10 July 12pm -5pm Spring Lodge Community Centre Witham CM8 2HE
- Thursday 15 July 2pm-8pm St Andrews Parish Church Hatfield Peverel CM3 2LE
- Friday 23 July 2pm- 8pm Marks Tey Village Hall CO6 1EJ
- Saturday 24 July 12pm- 5pm Springfield Parish Hall CM1 6GX
- Tuesday 27 July 2pm-8pm Feering Community Centre CO5 9QB

Webinar dates:

- Tuesday 6 July 2pm-4pm existing junction 23 (Kelvedon South) to junction 25 (Marks Tey)
- Wednesday 4 Aug 6pm-8pm junction 19 (Boreham) to junction 21 (between Hatfield Peverel/Witham)
- Monday 9 Aug 10am-12pm junction 21 (between Hatfield Peverel/Witham to existing junction 23 (Kelvedon South))
- Thursday 12 Aug 6pm-8pm existing junction 23 (Kelvedon South) to junction 25 (Marks Tey)

As part of the wider public consultation requirement in the pre-application process, an opportunity to review the detailed proposals, planned maps and supporting documents has been lodged at these locations. (Please note there are others towards the eastern end of the proposals)

- Hatfield Peverel Library, The St, Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford CM3 2DP
- Witham Library, 18 Newland St, Witham CM8 2AQ
- Chelmsford Library, Chelmsford County Hall, Market Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1QH
- Braintree Library Fairfield Road Braintree CM7 3YL
- High Chelmer Shopping Centre 15a exchange Way Chelmsford CM1 1XB



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Documents will be available during normal opening hours.

NB Access is subject to change due to COVID 19 – please check that a venue is open before making plans to travel.

Additionally, Parishioners may find it helpful to review a number of virtual reality drive/fly throughs of the proposals. Of particular relevance is the Junction 19 (Boreham Interchange)- junction 21 (as reconfigured, Hatfield Peverel and Witham)

https://youtu.be/b7cD3B_bexU

A time frame for response to the Highways England proposals has been established. It is important that parishioners are aware of the strict timelines and for submitting their individual concerns to the Highways England Team.

A copy of the questionnaire is attached for ease of reference.

If any parishioner would like assistance in completing the form or would like to prepare and submit a more individual response, then we would encourage you to contact the Parish Clerk and a Parish Councillor will be nominated to assist you.

May we request Parishioners provide a copy of their communications/completed questionnaires to the Clerk. This will assist the Parish Council in preparing their response. These will be treated in the strictest confidence.

The longstop date for receipt of comments is 11.59pm on Monday 16 August.

After the 16 August deadline, the Highways England team are mandated to collate and address (as they may prefer) concerns raised in the consultation process, prior to the final and formal planning application to the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate will then opine on the application submission documents and consultations undertaken, accept and register the application or decline the formal application should due consultation and consideration to concerns raised have not been evidenced.

To re-emphasise the statutory consultation process has now commenced; it is important parishioners understand and appreciate both the timeline and ability to comment in the gestation of the application process to the Planning Inspectorate acting for the Secretary of State. It is very different from an application to a local authority.

There is the opportunity for all parishioners to continue to be involved in the application process by registering as an “interested party” on the planning inspectorate web site. We encourage all parishioners to do so and be aware of the critical dates for their continued ability to comment as they prefer. The link is.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/frequently-asked-questions/>



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Additionally, more information can be found on:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a12-chelmsfordto--a120-widening-scheme/>.

PROPOSED TIMELINES

2022 Spring - Summer	Formal submission of planning application to Planning Inspectorate
2022/2023	Examination and scrutiny by the Planning Inspectorate including representations made by registered interested parties.
2023 Oct - Dec	Planning Inspectors recommendation to Secretary of State whether application should be approved (or otherwise) and DCO issued
2023-2024	Commitment to construct
2027-2028	Indicative construction completion and phased opening
2028	Project close out

<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a12chelmsford-to-a120-widening-consultation-june21/consultation/subpage.2019-10-10.8533010972/>

Please Note This is the same consultation process and application procedure as is presently being advanced by Longfield Solar Farm.

Parishioners should be aware that these applications are discrete, and comments should be made separately to the identified parties in the statutory consultation documents. They may choose to comment on any "joined up" approach in considering both applications by the Secretary of State.