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Submitted to A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Supplementary Design Consultation November 2021

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1. About you

1a What is your name?

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1d Do you own land or hold any legal interests or rights, such as private rights of way or sporting rights, which may be affected by our proposals?

No

Not Answered

1e If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, business or campaign group, please include the name below.

Organisation:

Feering Parish Council

Your role:

Clerk

1f By completing this response form, you have indicated that you have an interest in this proposed scheme. It would help us if you could identify the nature of your interest below (tick all that apply):

Local resident (live within five miles of the A12), Local business (business address within five miles of the A12), Regular user of the A12 (in a private vehicle – eg commuter/leisure)

If 'Other' please specify:

1g How do you normally travel on the A12 (or on the adjacent footpaths and cycleways if applicable)?

Car/Van - Commercial

If 'Other' please specify:

1h How often do you use this route?

5 or more days a week

2. Junction 21 – southern link road removal (Hatfield Peverel)

2 Comments on Junction 21 – southern link road removal (Hatfield Peverel)

Comments on Junction 21 – southern link road removal (Hatfield Peverel):

3. Improved road surfacing and removal of noise barrier (Hatfield Peverel)

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Comments on Improved road surfacing and removal of noise barrier (Hatfield Peverel):

4. Gas main (Witham)

4 Comments on Gas main (Witham)

Comments on Gas main (Witham):

5. Market Lane noise barrier (Witham)

5 Comments on Market Lane noise barrier (Witham)

Comments on Market Lane noise barrier (Witham):

6. Inworth Road

6 Comments on Inworth Road

Comments on Inworth Road:

Inworth Road, at this point in time, is not fit for purpose and a further potential 50% increase in traffic is going to cause even more issues. Feering Parish Council consider that the localised widening of this road south of the new junction will not sufficiently alleviate the increase in traffic, especially HGV traffic, which is forecast to use this road.

Feering Parish Council continue to press for commensurate improvements on or alongside Hinds Bridge on Inworth Road, north of the new junction, which will be bringing traffic to the new junction from Feering, Kelvedon, Coggeshall and other settlements to the north. Hinds Bridge cannot accommodate two HGVs now and has no footway or safe cycle space.

A link road needs to be implemented to divert traffic away from Gore Pit Corner where the issues will be exacerbated by the additional traffic, from and to the new junction. A potential solution to the link road would be to create a link route using the line of the old A12 which is already partly being used to create a new road and bridge access to Prested Hall and the Crown Estates Land. The link road must be delivered within the time frame of the A12 junction and should not come after the junction has been put in.

There is still a lack of safe continuous footways at Gore Pit towards Threshelfords or continuing from Threshelfords south along the Inworth Road. There are also no safe cycle routes, as we have previously stated in our submissions.

Feering Parish Council have noted that the traffic model has been updated. The Parish Council would like confirmation as to how this update has been undertaken and why there has been a reduction of 42% (am) and 34% (pm) in the proposed increase in traffic along Inworth Road (consultation document page 32) as there does not appear from the consultation document to be any back up of this data. When were the surveys undertaken to show this reduction?

Feering Parish Council continue to deplore the omission from the traffic forecasts of the extra traffic that will be generated by the 4ha of business use (BDC Policy LPP2) and the 838 extra homes (1000 homes - 162 already consented) from the Feering Strategic Growth Location (BDC Policy LPP22) which is in the BDC Local Plan. The BDC Local Plan increase in homes in Feering is about 100% compared to the existing number of homes in Feering. This is greatly above the average increase in the number of homes in the BDC Local Plan overall.

7. Easthorpe Road closure

7 Comments on Easthorpe Road closure

Comments on Easthorpe Road closure:

Feering Parish Council believe that this is a backward step in terms of the road networks around the area and should remain open. Easthorpe Road used to be usable all ways before the A12 became too busy. The new bridge over the new A12 and the reinstated connection to the de-trunked A12 would restore this removal of access and would restore the flexibility of people's choice.

8. Category 2 and 3 changes

8 Comments on Category 2 and 3 changes

Comments on Category 2 and 3 changes:

9. Equality and diversity

9a I consent to Highways England processing my special category data for the purposes of understanding the accessibility of the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening consultation. I have read Highways England's privacy notice and understood how it will be processing this data.

Yes

9b What is your gender?

Female

9c Do you consider yourself as a person with a disability?

No

9d Please describe your ethnic background

White

9e Age

45-54