

Brentwood Borough Council response to the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme Consultation | March 2017

Question 7

Please indicate your preferred route option:

1. None of the above.

Please explain the reason for your response:

2. Brentwood Borough Council is not directly impacted by these proposals and so has no preference; however the Council wishes to make comments about the wider implications to the entire A12 Corridor. The answer to question 7 of the consultation ("please indicate your preferred route option") is "none of the above" to indicate no preference rather than oppose all options. The Council agrees with the need to create additional capacity along the A12, including this section north of Chelmsford to the A120. between junction 19 (Boreham interchange) and junction 25 (Marks Tey interchange).
3. It is important that these proposals are considered along with the wider need to improve capacity and junction safety on the rest of the A12. Brentwood Borough Council has a specific interest in the stretch of A12 south of Chelmsford, which moving southwards bypasses Ingatestone and Brentwood before reaching the M25 junction 28 at Brook Street (i.e. through Brentwood Borough). Much of the total traffic using the section between A12 junctions 19 (Boreham interchange) and 25 (Marks Tey interchange) will access the M25. It is critical that development proposals are mindful of the need for future works to the south as well as proposals at M25 junction 28. Proposals at M25 junction 28 should be considered, as well as the Council's response to the recent consultation on junction options. It is important that congestion is reduced between the A12 and M25 in order to facilitate economic growth in Essex, through Brentwood and other local authority areas along the A12 corridor.
4. Brentwood Borough Council is at an important stage in the plan-making process, which includes meeting challenging development needs and contributing to significant growth that will take place in Essex over future years. It will be useful to understand more about the delivery schedule and

development requirements linked to improvements for the A12 south of Chelmsford and relationship to the M25 Junction 28 works. We understand these are due to enter feasibility and options stages. It is important that Highways England acknowledges that the improvement of the wider A12 is vital to the success of the corridor as a whole and will help contribute to the growth and connectivity agendas.

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