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Via email to: Planning.Policy@colchester.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam,

**COPFORD WITH EASTHORPE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SUBMISSION CONSULTATION
(REGULATION 16)**

Thank you for your correspondence, received on 04 August 2022, notifying National Highways of the consultation under Regulation 16.

National Highways is responsible for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in England on behalf of the Secretary of the State. In the area within and surrounding the Neighbourhood Plan we have responsibility for the trunk road A12.

We have reviewed different policy details within the Copford with Easthorpe Neighbourhood Plan 2019-2033. The nearest trunk road junction will be A12 Junctions 24 and 25, part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The area and location, that are covered by this Neighbourhood Plan, may have some impacts on the current travel pattern for the National Highways proposed A12 road infrastructure improvement project titled, 'A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme'. <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/east/a12-chelmsford-to-a120-widening-scheme/>

The Policy CE5 in relation to promoting the sustainable transport and provision of facilities and services including cycle ways, bridlepaths for equestrian use and footpaths where possible to link the wider network are welcome.

It is noted that some areas have limited bus service. National Highways welcome any efforts to improve local bus services connecting this neighbourhood area to the immediate areas.



Please contact us PlanningEE@nationalhighways.co.uk if you require any clarification.

In addition, please notify us of the Local Planning Authority decision under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulation 2012, with respect to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours faithfully,

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