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

Dear Sir/Madam,

**CONSULTATION ON COLCHESTER CITY COUNCIL-
GREEN NETWORKS AND WATERWAY CONSULTATION**

Thank you for your correspondence, received on 14 November 2023, notifying National Highways of the consultation above.

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 Colchester City Council Area, National Highways have responsibility for the trunk roads A12 & A120, part of the Strategic Road Network (SRN).

We have completed a review of the supporting documents of Colchester Green Spaces and Waterways. This task may be supplemented to the planning policies in the Colchester City Council's Local Plan review.

At this stage, we do not have any comment on this.

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

Yours faithfully,

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Standing advice to the local planning authority

The Climate Change Committee's [2022 Report to Parliament](#) notes that for the UK to achieve net zero carbon status by 2050, action is needed to support a modal shift away from car travel. The NPPF supports this position, with paragraphs 73 and 105 prescribing that significant development should offer a genuine choice of transport modes, while paragraphs 104 and 110 advise that appropriate opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport should be taken up.

Moreover, the build clever and build efficiently criteria as set out in clause 6.1.4 of [PAS2080](#) promote the use of low carbon materials and products, innovative design solutions and construction methods to minimise resource consumption.

These considerations should be weighed alongside any relevant Local Plan policies to ensure that planning decisions are in line with the necessary transition to net zero carbon.