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Attention: Birchanger Parish Council

Subject: M11 Junction 8 – project update

Dear Birchanger Parish Council

Further to our letter dated 26th September 2018 providing an update on the scheme and in response to feedback received at the public exhibitions, we have now reviewed the proposed addition of a spur road link and would like to share some further changes to the design proposals. The proposed changes to the highways layout will address specific concerns over the limited movements out of Birchanger Lane that were raised by Birchanger residents.

As you will be aware from our discussions at the event, and subsequent correspondence, the option of creating a permanent spur road for buses, emergency services, and potential use by local traffic was being reviewed as a possible solution to continue the movement of traffic in and out of Birchanger Village, whilst maintaining enhanced movements and capacity on the A120.

We have looked at additional traffic modelling and optimisation of the proposed signal phasing and have now changed the design for the junction of the A120 / A1250 with Birchanger Lane to provide an alternative layout which allows movements out of Birchanger Lane and supports the proposed improvements to east-west movement on the A120. The suggested spur-link road is not required in this new plan.

This design will realign Birchanger Lane to allow road-users to continue to make direct movements towards A1250 Dunmow Road and the A120 west with a single traffic signal for all movements.

Please find attached a revised map which illustrates the proposed design for the junction of A1250 with A120 and Birchanger Lane. The website will also be updated shortly with these details.

The realignment of Birchanger Lane should not impact the junction's effectiveness in the short-term, however, it is possible that this option could affect A120 / A1250 queuing in the medium-term (2036), but overall, we consider that it should not have a significant impact.

Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to discuss these options with the local community, and we trust that the outcome of this design is satisfactory to your parish members.

The next steps are to undertake advance works (statutory diversions, etc) in early 2019 and appoint a contractor in spring 2019 with main works expected from summer 2019 to spring 2021.

For more information on the scheme please visit <https://www.essex.gov.uk/m11junction8>

Yours sincerely



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