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Attention: Birchanger Parish Council

Subject: M11 Junction 8 – project update

Dear Birchanger Parish Council

Thank you for meeting with us on Friday 14 September 2018 prior to our information event with Birchanger residents.

As discussed on the day the chance for us to talk to Birchanger residents about their issues and concerns is really important to the project and from this we have been able to further implement changes to the scheme. We also appreciate the time taken by residents to complete the village survey and volunteers that undertook the traffic counts.

We understand that the limited movement out of Birchanger Lane was of concern to many residents, and specifically how this may affect emergency vehicles, the local bus service, commuting to work and school / doctor visits, etc. We hope that after having taken your comments and thoughts on board the updated scheme will go some way to addressing these concerns. A revised design will be circulated to illustrate these changes and the website will also be updated.

The changes we are seeking to incorporate are as follows:

1. A permanent spur road off Birchanger Lane for bus, taxi and emergency services that allows direct movements to Bishops Stortford and A120 west. Due to being infrequent in nature (e.g. 40 – 60mins) this does not disrupt the junction timings or effectiveness.
2. Subject to further traffic modelling and analysis, at scheme opening we will potentially allow all traffic to use the link under monitoring. At a future date if traffic on this spur road starts to impact the junction signalisation effectiveness (reduction of A120 / A1250 queuing) a decision will be taken whether to revert to bus, taxi and

emergency vehicles only (subject to Cabinet Member and Statutory Traffic Regulation Order approval).

We also will be sending an update around to all the interested parties who signed our attendance register to keep them up to date with the proposed changes. If you could share this on your website and in your newsletter that would really help to inform residents that may not have attended the event or who did not get a chance to speak to a major projects member.

Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to speak with you.

Yours sincerely



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