

A12

Chelmsford to A120 widening



A guide to understanding the Map Books

Supplementary consultation 2021

Introduction

To illustrate the updated changes to the design for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme, we have produced two sets of plans. These are organised in two individual map books. Each set of plans shows a different aspect of the changes we have made to the proposed scheme. This document provides a summary of the information contained within each set of plans.

All of the consultation materials, including the map books, are available to view and download at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/A12. If you do not have internet access and/or require a printed copy of one of the map books, please contact us at:

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What's shown on each set of plans?

Map book 1 – Updated general arrangements (including location of proposed design and Provisional Order Limits changes)

These plans show the following:

- the boundary of the proposed development (i.e. the Provisional Order Limits)
- details of engineering design and construction
- proposed environmental mitigation
- the changes to the Provisional Order Limits since the summer 2021 consultation
- all land that has either been added to or excluded proposed from the scheme since that presented during the summer 2021 consultation. This includes land that is required for both permanent and temporary purposes

The Provisional Order Limits show the area within which we are seeking permission to construct and operate proposed the scheme. Changes have been made to the Provisional Order Limits for a number of reasons including:

- in response to feedback to the summer 2021 consultation and ongoing discussions with directly affected landowners
- further development of the design
- further assessment of the environmental impacts of the proposed scheme and development of our plans to reduce impacts.

Map book 2 – updated land use plans (including location of proposed land use changes)

These plans show the areas of land needed for the scheme, including:

- the changes made to the area within which we are seeking permission to construct and operate the proposed scheme (the Provisional Order limits) since the summer 2021 consultation
- the extent of land that we may need to temporarily or permanently acquire that has either been added or excluded from the scheme since the summer 2021 consultation.
- the changes made to the type of acquisition of land being sought since the summer 2021 statutory consultation.

We have made these changes as a result of:

- feedback from the summer 2021 consultation and ongoing discussions with directly affected landowners
- further development of the design
- further assessment of the environmental impacts of the proposed scheme and development of our plans to reduce impacts.

The land needed for the proposed scheme can be broadly categorised as set out below:

Permanent works

Land will be required permanently along the route of the new dual carriageway, for example to re-connect existing local roads to the new dual carriageway and for associated structures, drainage ponds and landscaping areas. Where required, the land or permanent new rights will be acquired by National Highways either compulsorily or by agreement with the landowner.

Temporary works

Some land will be required on a temporary basis during construction of the proposed scheme to enable safe and efficient working. The plans show the land which we may need temporarily for construction compounds and storage areas, for example soil storage, along the route. In places, we will also require permanent rights of access across land to divert utilities such as gas pipelines, electricity cables and water pipes. Any land that is only required temporarily will be returned to its previous use wherever possible once construction is complete.

Compensation land

Land may also be required for environmental measures such as the creation of habitats for wildlife and flood compensation. This land may need to be compulsorily acquired permanently or subject to permanent rights.

As described in the Supplementary Consultation Brochure the changes have been put into three categories. Category 1, 2 and 3 changes are referenced in the map books and either described in the schedule for each set of plans or in the brochure. There are other changes shown in the map books, which are a result of design development, to improve the scheme within the Provisional Order Limits.

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