



A120/A12 Joint Forums Consultation

Second round of forums
16-29 September 2016

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Consultation and the 'Gunning' principles
3. A120 and A12 consultation update
4. Consultation information material (incl. business leaflet and communicating with environment stakeholders)
5. Information events
6. Other business
7. Next meeting

Consultation and the Gunning Principles

Consultation

The process of asking for and listening to the views of local people or groups with the aim of influencing decisions, policies or actions.

Consultation must take place when the proposal is still at a **formative stage**

Sufficient information must be put forward for the proposal to allow for intelligent consideration and response

The Gunning Principles

Adequate time must be given for consideration and response

The product of consultation must be **conscientiously taken into account.**

Consultation must take place at a **formative stage**

There must still be a decision to take or opportunities for change

The promoter can have a preferred option or options, but must be open to revising that view following consultation due to new information

“To have an open mind does not mean an empty mind.”

Neil Garnham QC

Sufficient information to allow for intelligent consideration and response

Information required to allow a consultee to make an informed decision on the specific consultation questions

Should not mislead

Consultees should be aware of the criteria

How options have been judged to date

What might be considered of substantial importance to final decision-making

Adequate time for consideration and response

Must consider
length of
consultation
and also timing

No statutory
time
requirement

Timescales must
allow sufficient
time for
respondents to
digest the
information and
provide a
response.

Conscientious consideration of the outcomes of consultation

Decision maker(s)
need to
conscientiously
consider the output
of the consultation

Decision maker(s)
must be given a fair
and balanced
summary of
responses

When consultations may take place on major highways projects

Non-statutory consultations to support the selection of a preferred route

Recommendation of a preferred route, informed by consultation

Statutory consultation on the recommended preferred route

A120

Scope of project.

Feasibility stage looking at how to tackle the serious congestion and safety issues that are blighting the A120.

Scope of non-statutory consultation.

Seeking views on preferred option.

The consultation

- 8 weeks
- Expected to begin in mid-January
- Include information events
- Explain proposals in documents and materials

A12



Scope of project.

The Government's Road Investment Strategy 1 included the widening of the A12 from junctions 19-25.

Scope of non-statutory consultation.

To gather views about the proposed junction strategies and issues.

The consultation.

- 6 weeks
- Expected to begin in mid-January
- Include information events
- Explain proposals in documents and materials

Consultation materials and information

- Consultation Document
 - Background information
 - History of the scheme
 - Consultation questions
 - Aims of the scheme
 - Proposals
 - Impact on traffic
 - High level environmental impacts
- Options Assessment Report
 - Details of options eliminated
- Information papers
 - More detailed explanation on specific subjects
 - Issues of high interest locally not directly linked to the consultation

Business leaflet and communication

- What do businesses need to know?
 - Page 1 overview of the scheme
 - Page 2 and 3 maps
 - Page 4, 5, 6?
- How do you currently communicate with members or stakeholders?
- How can we utilise this for consultation awareness?

Environmental stakeholders and communication

- What would environmental stakeholders want to know considering the provided consultation documents?
- How do you currently communicate with members or stakeholders?
- How can we utilise this for consultation awareness?

Information Events

Why do we hold events?

- Explain and discuss information on proposals subject to consultation
- Provide opportunity for consultees to speak to specialists to help them understand technical issues
- Help people understand how to respond to the consultation

Where and when?

- During the consultation period, normally in weeks 3,4 and 5.
- Various locations along the scheme area

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