

Dear Sir,

I am replying to your request for comments re the application. All our previous communications stand.

At present i still feel we have had very little time to consider the radical changes proposed, as we re on the changed route of Essex 1. Very vague answers have been received regarding specific questions we have asked, and I am concerned that no specific plans have been yet been determined, and certainly not shared. The time frame for some surveys etc has been too short.

Specifically,

1. Landscape and visual effects.

We would like to know what is being planned for C10/30 an area to the north of our property which appears to lie directly in the best view from our property. This was not in the plan of Feb 25, but has appeared more recently. I had very vague answers in a phone call.

The protected lane Water Lane, has to have the water attenuation point go through or under it, but what the exact proposals are is unclear. Established elm and mixed hedge planting would likely be destroyed if over ground works are done. It would be nice to retain the lane as is.

2. Air quality.

What are the mitigation plans for noise, air pollution and general workings while our property and next door are surrounded on three sides by the new proposed route?

3. Biodiversity.

How will our area be assessed for the wildlife we experience, and what mitigation procedures can be successful in retaining the existing wildlife corridor, which runs all around our property. We have bats (just emerging this spring) which have not been studied due to the rapidity of this proposed route change; hares, snakes, stag beetles etc.

4. General.

What are the plans to overcome the pinch point between the property and the woods to the east of us? It seems very narrow compared to the rest of the route.