

From: **Laura Chase**
Date: Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 5:34 PM
Subject: RE: The Budget
To: Andrea Copsey
Cc: Goodings, Emma, Gary Guiver, Karen Syrett, Ian Vipond

Dear Andrea -

Further to Ian Vipond's e-mail yesterday concerning A120 and A12 improvements, please find attached the following relevant links to Government material published as part of the Budget announcement.

1. **East of England Factsheet** – this confirms HIF funding:

‘£272 million from the Housing Infrastructure Fund for the ‘Colchester Braintree Garden Community’ bid. This funding will be used to realign the eastern section of the A12 between Junctions 24 and 25 in order to unlock up to 20,931 homes as part of the North Essex Garden Community.’

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/871994/East_of_England.pdf

2. **RIS2** -Para 1.127 of the main Budget Report confirms overall funding for RIS2:

1.127 The government is transforming regional connections through the largest ever investment in England's motorways and major A roads.³³ **The second Road Investment Strategy (RIS2) will spend over £27 billion between 2020 and 2025.** It will take forward schemes such as dualling the A66 Trans-Pennine and upgrading the A46 Newark bypass to address congestion, and building the Lower Thames Crossing to increase road capacity across the Thames east of London by 90%.³⁴ RIS2 will be delivered alongside the government's plans for decarbonising the transport sector, which are set out in the 'Growing a greener economy' section of this chapter.

Road Investment Strategy 2: 2020-25 published by DfT 11 March 2020 provides the detailed breakdowns on RIS2 funding, including the following:

- A. Map of road improvements in the East (page 100)
- B. A12 Chelmsford to A120 (page 102) – ‘widening the A12 to three lanes between junction 19 (north of Chelmsford) and junction 25 (A120 interchange). This may include delivery of additional improvements around the site of the Colchester/Braintree Border Garden Community, subject to support from the HIF. This scheme will need to take into account evolving proposals for the A120 Braintree to A12.’
- C. Reference to HIF funding for the A120 in Tendring (page 106).
- D. Advanced work on RIS3 projects (2020-2030) contained in section f ‘Strategic Research and Development Pipeline’. The list on page 114 contains the A120 Braintree to A12 with a caveat found on page 115: ‘The A120 Braintree to A12 proposal is currently

affected by outstanding funding contributions related to the development of the Colchester/ Braintree Border Garden Community and contributions from local authorities. Subject to decisions in these areas, the scheme may become committed for delivery.'

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/871978/road-investment-strategy-2-2020-2025.pdf

Regards, Laura

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From: Ian Vipond
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Andrea

Yes the inspector is correct and there is a specific reference to the A120 improvements, Braintree to the A12, which are linked to the CBBGC proposal. There also appears to be a confirmation of the HIF funding, but we are just checking the detail and we will send the extracts over.

Ian

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From: Andrea Copsey
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Hello All,

The Inspector understands from the press that today's Budget speech is likely to contain announcements on transport spending.

It would be helpful if the NEAs would advise me as soon as possible if there are any specific announcements in the Budget that affect the funding position of infrastructure relevant to the Section 1 Plan so that I can advise the Inspector. Please could this information be provided by this Friday, 13 March.

Thanks,

Andrea

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