

Chelmsford North East Bypass update



A bypass scheme to support the development of a new railway station, homes and businesses in Chelmsford has moved a major step forward.

Essex County Council, working with Chelmsford City Council, have submitted a planning application for the Chelmsford North East bypass, part of a £250 million investment which also includes a new railway station at Beaulieu.

The bypass would see 4.6km of new road and a 1.2km dual carriageway along the existing A131 in North East Chelmsford. It would connect to the new Beaulieu Park Development in the south and Deres Bridge and Great Leighs in the north, ultimately providing a vital link between the A120 and the A12. It would also deliver an important connection with surrounding communities and, in turn, unlock land for the future Chelmsford Garden Community.

The new route is planned to bypass residential areas and relieve high levels of congestion in Chelmsford itself, while providing a strategic link between the city, Braintree, London Stansted Airport and the wider east and southeast of England, including South Essex and the Lower Thames Crossing.

The strategic road and rail links are crucial to Chelmsford continuing to be an attractive base for people commuting into and out of London.

Please [click here](#) to comment on the planning application.

The planning application consultation period ends on 13th November 2021

If you have any queries on the North East Bypass scheme please email the project team at cneb@essexhighways.org.

For more information [visit the scheme website](#).

2006/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public consultation and preferred route safeguarded in local planScheme postponement because of insufficient funding and national recession
2015/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Scheme 'refresh' to confirm details of safeguarding for new Chelmsford Local Plan
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local plan public consultation – including update to bypass route safeguarding
2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Homes England funding to deliver 1st phase of bypass (single carriageway)
2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adoption of Chelmsford Local Plan – safeguarded corridor for bypass incorporatedBypass public information events – including virtual event and fly-through film
2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Feb 21 Pre-planning application and return of consultee responsesOct 21 Submission of planning application for bypassWinter 21 Potential determination of planning application
2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Potential start of bypass construction works
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Road potentially open to the public (Bypass Phase 1)

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