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Dear

Freedom of Information Act A120 Cycle provision

Thank you for your email of 14 June requesting information about our cycle provision on the A120. We have now completed our search for the requested information. I have extracted the elements of your request and respond as follows:

1 Was it always the intention of Highways England that cyclists using the national cycle route N51 would be forced to use the A120 roundabout at Hare Green prior to the works being completed.

When designing the new roundabout, we recognised that there would be an impact on the national cycle route N51. As part of the design we included a combined cycle path, footway and equestrian route which links users along the original N51 route and across the A120 roundabout.

During the construction of the new facilities, cyclists will temporarily be required to use the roundabout. We anticipate this to be complete before the end of July 2019. We have installed temporary signing to direct cyclists along the diverted route N51 and installed 'No overtaking of cyclist' signs through the works as an additional safety measure (see appendix A).

2 Was the closure of the gap on the A120 at Little Bromley Road intended to force cyclists from a popular quiet route between north and south Tendring onto the A120.

The gaps are now closed to allow the works to be completed. The scheme includes provision of a new path for cyclists to cross over the A120. This is currently under construction and is expected to be completed before the end of July 2019.

3 Which cycling organisations were consulted regarding the location of the NMU (non-motorised users) crossing on the A120.

Consultation of the proposed improvements at the junction at the original location was undertaken in 2015. Those consulted were Colchester Rovers Cycle Club, Colchester Cyclists and two Sustran volunteer rangers.

We have also been working closely with Essex County Council who are supporting the scheme.

4 Which cycling organisations were consulted regarding the closure of the crossing at Little Bromley Road and Bentley Road on A120.

See point 3.

5 Was a survey made of the cycle usage on the Little Bromley/Bentley road prior to the closure of the gap on the A120, what were the results.

There was no survey carried out for cycle use. In June 2013 we undertook traffic surveys to inform us of the likely impact to the local road traffic.

6 Was a survey made of the cycle usage on Park Road prior to the closure of the gap on the A120, what were the results.

See point 5.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number FOI 100005 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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