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Subject: Objection re Applications UTT/21/0332 and UTT/22/0267 Distribution Centre at Tilekiln Lane Great Hallingbury

I wish to object to the above.

I am secretary of Dunmow Velo, a cycle club in the neighbouring town of Great Dunmow, but object in my capacity as a private cyclist.

The development proposes to move the access to Tilekiln Lane westwards towards the M11 Junction. The M11 junction currently creates a substantial barrier to cycling in the area as it provides no safe options for cyclists.

The nearest safe cycling options all involve circumventing the junction: Bury Water Lane at Stansted to the North, and Tilekiln Lane and Gt Hallingbury to the south. As such cyclists often need to turn right out of Tilekiln Lane. The unmade B1256> Birchanger cycle route is an unmade track (currently impassable due to flooding) and impossible for any sort of commuting or reliable use.

1. Moving the Tilekiln Lane exit closer to the motorway would make the exit less safe for cyclists at a time when sensible developments seek to improve provision for non-vehicular road users. The risk to cyclists is enhanced because the area they would wait in to turn right is an upward slope, making rapid acceleration harder.

2. There also appears to be no provision for a traffic island in the middle of the new Tilekiln Lane exit, leaving cyclists who are forced to spend longer waiting at the proposed junction unnecessarily exposed to HGV drivers exiting from the Motorway and heading right into the proposed development.

I am surprised; I haven't traced any comment on this from the Highways

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