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Dear Customer

A120 Braintree to Marks Tey – Proposed speed limit reduction

I am writing to tell you that we plan to carry out measures to implement speed limit reductions on the A120 between Braintree (Marks Farm Roundabout) and Marks Tey. We have identified this area as one in need of these measures based on the use of Department for Transport (DfT) collision data between 2017 and 2021. This will help contribute to a safer journey for our customers.

The improvement has been assessed to deliver the highest reduction in serious injury and deaths at a local level, to the east region.

This proposal aims to improve road safety for all road users by the introduction of a safer speed of travel for drivers, which we anticipate will reduce the frequency and severity of collisions.

We are proposing to implement the following speed limit reductions together with speed camera enforcement measures:

Section 1 – Between Bradwell and the existing 50mph speed limit on the Coggeshall bypass (a distance of approximately 3.9 km):

Reduction of the existing National Speed Limit (60mph) sections to 50mph,

Section 2 – The existing 50mph speed limit on the Coggeshall bypass to Marks Tey (a distance of approximately 1.72km):

Reduction of the existing National Speed Limit (60mph) sections to 50mph

In addition, the existing 40mph speed limit through Bradwell is proposed to be extended approximately 635m to the east.

A total of 89 reported injury collisions were recorded on this route over a 5-year period with 145 casualties.



Safety is and will always be our number one priority; that is why our ambition remains that no-one should be harmed while travelling or working on our roads.

Please find below a plan showing the proposal in more detail. Extents of the proposed speed limits and positions of enforcement cameras are indicative at this stage and could change as a result of customer feedback and through further development of the design process.

Proposals are still in a formative stage, and as such we would like to encourage any organisations, businesses or individuals affected to communicate their views on these proposals. We will endeavour to incorporate your feedback as far as practicable and subject to meeting value for money and budgetary constraints.

You can respond to the consultation via email or post, using the subject line "PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ON THE A120 BRAINTREE TO MARKS TEY":

Email: eastproactivecomms@nationalhighways.co.uk

Post: Road Safety East
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Please ensure that your response reaches us by **Friday 20 September 2024**.

Next steps

Following receipt of comments, we will finalise these design proposals and submit a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order (PTRO) application, which is the legal mechanism for implementing any permanent changes to the highway network. A statutory notice period lasting a minimum of 21 days, where further comments can be made, will start upon the submission of the application. As part of this process, we will make information publicly available in person at local venues, as well as on a dedicated webpage.

We expect to start this process in the late autumn 2024.

The legal notices allow you to provide written comments on the proposals. If significant changes are needed after the consultation stage, we will restart our 21-day consultation period at a later date.

Once statutory consultation exercises have been completed, further details will be shared on delivery timescales.



How to find out more

To find out more about this project, please contact us on 0300 123 5000, or by email eastproactivecomms@nationalhighways.co.uk

To find out more about road improvements we're carrying out across the East of England, please visit our website at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/east/.

If you would like more information, please contact us on 0300 123 5000, or by email at info@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Clothier".

Adrian Clothier
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