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**Re Chelmsford North East Bypass –
Archeological and Geoarchaeological Investigations**

Dear resident,

We are pleased to announce the Chelmsford North-East Bypass project is moving into the next stage of development.

As a result, we are writing to notify you that we are undertaking archaeological and geoarchaeological investigations to help inform and develop the detailed design for the bypass.

We are contacting residents and businesses within proximity of the proposed bypass to help ensure you are aware of the work taking place.

The archaeological and geoarchaeological investigation of the planning application area is required by the Essex County Council Curator and will involve the excavation of several evaluation trenches measuring 30x1.8m using metal tracked excavators equipped with toothless ditching buckets. The Curator has determined that an archaeological evaluation is needed to assess the potential impact of the development on the archaeological remains, given there are high areas of potential within the planning application area.

There are several locations in which we will conduct archaeological and geoarchaeological investigations and you may have noticed a presence of our staff onsite already as they begin the excavations and backfilling.

The archaeological and geoarchaeological investigations will be completed during daytime hours and are likely to last 3 months but this may change depending on what is found.

To facilitate the investigations, site compounds have been established and the location of the compound has been agreed between Essex County Council and the landowner but we recognise that the compound will be located in close proximity to your residence.

We would like to reiterate that all involved in the activities will endeavor to limit any disruption, though please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further

assistance at cneb@essexhighways.org.

Alternatively, please visit the website below to find additional information which has been released online where you will find more information in due course about the bypass planning application.

www.essex.gov.uk/chelmsford-north-east-bypass

Thank you in advance for your patience and co-operation as these works are carried out.

Yours sincerely,



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