

## **Matter 6, Wivenhoe Society Hearing Statement**

### **Rapid Transport System for North Essex**

**Q 20. Does the Vision to Plan document provide sufficient reassurance at this strategic stage of planning that it would be feasible in physical terms to construct the proposed RTS system?**

The comments focus on the RT system to the East. The answer to Q20 is “no”. There is no genuine way a Rapid Transport Route can be provided to connect the centre of Colchester to the Garden Community which serves the key destinations: the University, Knowledge Gateway, Hythe Station, Central Colchester. If there were such a route it would not require three years to resolve. The latest possible consultation on possible routes does not even provide any explanation of what is proposed for the route to the East of Colne Causeway/Greenstead Roundabout. Some of the proposals would result in severe disruption to traffic and existing bus services in the construction stage.

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