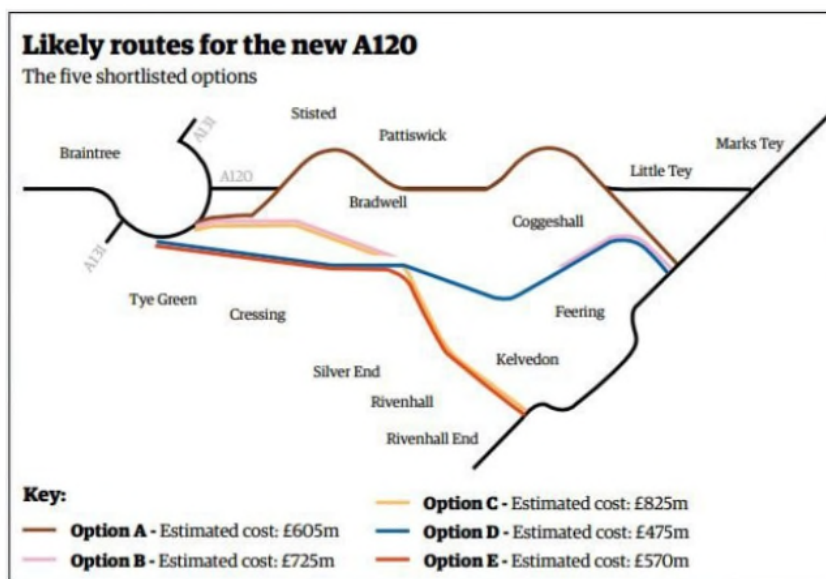


## Delays on possible A120 Route

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Essex County Council held a full Cabinet Meeting and discussed the A120 Braintree to A12 option selection and consultation. The meeting agenda, minutes and papers can be found on the Essex County Council [website](#).

At this meeting the below recommendations were agreed:

- Of the initial 68 route options assessed and the five options taken to consultation only two broad options, corresponding to the central (routes B and C) and southern corridors (routes D and E), will now be pursued in greater detail to determine the best overall performing route;
- Option A (northern corridor) is the worst performing option and would appear unlikely to emerge as a candidate for preferred route status through further study;
- Work continues to present a full set of route option appraisals to Government in accordance with Highways England processes;
- A final decision on Essex County Council's preferred route option be delegated to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Skills, Infrastructure and the Digital Economy in consultation with the Executive Director for Infrastructure and Environment.



Essex County Council will continue with further technical studies before it makes a route recommendation. The A120 project is currently in Stage 2 of Highways England's Product Control Framework (PCF) process, during which further assessment of the central and southern routes will be carried out. Once the appraisal of the options is finalised near the end of Stage 2, a recommendation

will be made for the favoured route, which will be assessed by Highways England based on the evidence and confirmed at the end of Stage 2.

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(NB. Could be going the same way as the Braintree/Witham railway loop promised 20 years ago)