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1 Introduction

1.1 Background information

- 1.1.1 This document relates to an application by National Highways to the Secretary of State for Transport under the Planning Act 2008 for the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme (the proposed scheme) Development Consent Order.
- 1.1.2 This document has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of Regulation 5(2)(l) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009, which sets out:
- ‘Where applicable, a plan with accompanying information identifying—*
- (i) any statutory or non-statutory sites or features of nature conservation such as sites of geological or landscape importance;*
 - (ii) habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and*
 - (iii) water bodies in a river basin management plan*
- together with an assessment of any effects on such sites, features, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the proposed development’.*
- 1.1.3 This document has also been prepared in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government (2013) guidance Planning Act 2008: Application Form Guidance.
- 1.1.4 This document sets out where within the DCO application the information required under Regulation 5(2)(l) can be located. As this document is part of a suite of documents, it should be read alongside, and is informed by, the other application documents. In particular, this document should be read alongside the Environmental Statement [TR010060/APP/6.1].

2 Location of plans and assessment

2.1 Plans

2.1.1 Statutory and non-statutory sites of nature conservation importance are shown within Volume 6 of the Environmental Statement in the following locations:

- Statutory and non-statutory nature conservation sites are set out in Figure 9.1: Biodiversity Designated Sites, within the Environmental Statement figures [TR010060/APP/6.2].
- Sites of geological importance are set out in Figure 10.1: Geology and Soils Land Contamination Constraints Plan, within the Environmental Statement figures [TR010060/APP/6.2].
- Sites of landscape importance are set out in Figure 8.1: Key Landscape Constraints, within the Environmental Statement figures [TR010060/APP/6.2].
- Habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features are set out in the following appendices of the Environmental Statement [TR010060/APP/6.3]:
 - Appendix 9.1: Aquatic Ecology Survey Report
 - Appendix 9.2: Badger Survey Report (confidential)
 - Appendix 9.3: Barn Owl Survey Report (confidential)
 - Appendix 9.4: Bat Survey Report
 - Appendix 9.5: Breeding Bird Survey Report
 - Appendix 9.6: Dormouse Survey Report
 - Appendix 9.7: Hedgerow Survey Report
 - Appendix 9.8: Phase 1 Habitat Survey Report
 - Appendix 9.9: Reptile Survey Report
 - Appendix 9.10: Riparian Mammal Survey Report
 - Appendix 9.11: Terrestrial Invertebrates Survey Report
 - Appendix 9.12: Wintering Bird Survey Report
 - Appendix 9.13: Great Crested Newt Survey Report
- Water bodies are identified within Figure 14.1: Key Water Environment Features, within the Environmental Statement figures [TR010060/APP/6.2].

2.2 Assessment

- 2.2.1 The assessments of effects on features, sites, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the proposed scheme are reported throughout the Environmental Statement [TR010060/APP/6.1], and within relevant appendices contained within Volume 6.3 of the Environmental Statement [TR010060/APP/6.3].
- 2.2.2 An assessment of the proposed scheme's effects on landscape features is presented in Chapter 8: Landscape and visual, of the Environmental Statement [TR010060/APP/6.1].
- 2.2.3 An assessment of the proposed scheme's effects on habitats, protected species and other biodiversity features is provided in Chapter 9: Biodiversity, of the Environmental Statement [TR010060/APP/6.1]. Detailed survey reports, baseline reports and other technical information referenced within Chapter 9 of the Environmental Statement are provided as Appendices 9.1 to 9.13 of the Environmental Statement [TR010060/APP/6.3].
- 2.2.4 An assessment of the proposed scheme's effects on geological features is presented in Chapter 10: Geology and soils, of the Environmental Statement [TR010060/APP/6.1].
- 2.2.5 An assessment of the proposed scheme's effects on water bodies is presented in Chapter 14: Road Drainage and the water environment, of the Environmental Statement [TR010060/APP/6.1].

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