

## **CORRECTION NOTICE**

### **THE A12 CHELMSFORD TO A120 WIDENING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2024 (S.I. 2024 No. 60)**

#### **SCHEDULE 4 TO THE PLANNING ACT 2008 CORRECTION OF ERRORS IN DEVELOPMENT CONSENT DECISIONS**

**24th April 2025**

The Secretary of State received requests dated 21 February 2024 from Womble Bond Dickinson acting on behalf of National Highways Limited (“the Applicant”) and 8 February 2024 from Essex County Council for the correction of errors and omissions in the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Development Consent Order 2024 (“the Order”), under paragraph 1(5)(a) of Schedule 4 to the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”). These two requests have been considered along with observations upon them provided by the Applicant on 1 November 2024 and Essex County Council on 5 November.

Essex County Council submitted a further request for a Correction Order dated 3 March 2024, however, the Secretary of State has no discretion to accept this, as the request was received outside the relevant, 6-week period, as set out by section 118(1)(b) of and paragraph 1(4) to (6) of Schedule 4 to the Act.

In accordance with paragraph 1(7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Secretary of State notified each relevant local planning authority of the two requests for corrections.

The Secretary of State has made the following corrections to the Order. Unless otherwise stated, the corrections that have been made, or not made, relate to requests made by the Applicant:

#### **Corrections to Articles**

##### **Article 2 (Interpretation)**

In the definition of “environmental statement”, remove “, the constituent parts of which are”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to ensure consistency with Schedule 12 to the Order.

In the definition of “highway”, after “of the 1980 Act”, insert “and”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a typographical error.

In the definition of “maintain”, after “materially different”, insert “environmental”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to ensure consistency of terminology within the Order.

After the definition of “structures and engineering drawings and section”, insert—

““supplementary botanical survey report” means the document of that description listed in Schedule 12 (documents to be certified) certified by the Secretary of State as the supplementary botanical survey report for the purposes of this Order;

“supplementary hedgerow survey report” means the document of that description listed in Schedule 12 (documents to be certified) certified by the Secretary of State as the supplementary hedgerow survey report for the purposes of this Order;”

Secretary of State’s rationale: to insert omitted text.

In the definition of “works plans”, replace “document of that description, the constituent parts of which are listed in Schedule 12 (documents to be certified) and certified by the Secretary of State as the works plans for the purposes of this Order” with “plans comprising the permanent works plans, the temporary works plans and the utilities works plans”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to ensure consistency with Schedule 12 to the Order.

### **Article 15 (Speed limits)**

In article 15(9), in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of “speed limit sign”, replace “of Part 1 (speed limits) of Schedule 10” with “of Part 1 (speed limits) of Schedule 3”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to a cross-referencing error.

### **Article 20 (Public rights of way)**

In article 20—

- In paragraph (1), replace “columns (1) and (2)” with “columns (1) to (3)”; and
- In paragraph (2), replace “paragraph (5)” with “paragraph (1)”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct cross-referencing errors.

### **Article 22 (Clearways, prohibitions and restrictions)**

In article 22—

- In paragraph (1), replace “on an after” with “on and after”; and
- In paragraph (6)(b)(iv), after “postal service as” add “defined in”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct typographical errors.

### **Article 26 (Authority to survey and investigate the land)**

In article 26—

- In paragraph (4)(b), replace “street authority.” with “street authority,”; and

- In paragraph (9), replace “paragraph (6)” with “paragraph (8)”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct typographical errors.

### **Article 30 (Compulsory acquisition of rights and imposition of restrictive covenants)**

In article 30(4), after “for creation of new rights” insert “and imposition of restrictive covenants”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a cross-referencing error.

### **Article 31 (Private rights over land)**

In article 31—

- In paragraph (2)(b), replace “the 1956 Act.” With “the 1965 Act,”;
- In paragraph (3), after “being within the limits of land” delete “which”; and
- In paragraph (8), replace “agreement is referred to” with “agreement as referred to”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct typographical errors.

### **Article 32 (Power to override easements and other rights)**

In article 32(4)(b), convert “the liability is enforceable against the undertaker” into a tailpiece.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a formatting error.

### **Article 41 (Temporary use of land for maintaining the authorised development)**

In article 41(7), replace “paragraph (5)” with “paragraph (6)”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a cross-referencing error.

### **Article 46 (Felling or lopping of trees and removal of hedgerows)**

In article 46(3), replace “is to be determined and if” with “is to be determined as if”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a typographical error.

### **Article 47 (Trees subject to tree preservation orders, etc.)**

In article 47—

- In paragraph (6), replace “to identify the tree and either” with “to identify the tree) and either”; and
- In paragraph (7)(a), replace “would not be need” with “would not be needed”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct typographical errors.

## **Article 55 (Disapplication and modification of byelaws)**

In article 55(3)(b), after “the provision is excluded” delete “is”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a typographical error.

## **Corrections to Schedules**

### **Schedule 1 (Authorised development)**

Under the heading “Permanent works”—

- In the entry for Work No. 2, sub-paragraph (b), replace “mean of access” with “means of access”;
- In the entry for Work No. 70, replace “access track form the realigned B0123” with “access track from the realigned B0123”.
- In the entry for Work No. 82, sub-paragraph (g), replace “private mean of access” with “private means of access”; and
- In the entry for Work No. U39 replace “Hatfield Peverel, and a point” with “Hatfield Peverel, at a point”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct typographical errors.

### **Schedule 2, Part 1 (Requirements)**

In paragraph 1 (Interpretation), in the definition of “begin”, replace ““begin” means begin” with ““begin”, for the purposes of section 154 of the 2008 Act, means beginning”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to insert omitted text. The Applicant proposed that reference was also made to section 155 of the Act, but such text has been omitted as it is considered unhelpful and risks causing confusion over whether the “beginning” is at the point identified in the Order, or in section 155.

In paragraph 1, in the definition of “First Iteration EMP”, replace “certified by the Secretary of State as the First Iteration Environmental Management Plan” with “certified by the Secretary of State as the First Iteration EMP”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a cross-referencing error.

In paragraph 1, after the definition of “First Iteration EMP”, insert—

““flood risk assessment” means the document of that description listed in Schedule 12 (documents to be certified) certified by the Secretary of State as the flood risk assessment for the purposes of this Order;”

Secretary of State’s rationale: to insert omitted text.

In paragraph 10(3)(c) (Detailed design), after “should accord with the” delete “scheme design approach and”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: To remove erroneous text.

In paragraph 11 (Surface and foul water drainage), after sub-paragraph (2), insert—

“(3) In this paragraph, “relevant local authority” means a county council or district council in whose area the part of the authorised development in question is located”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: To address an undefined term. The applicant proposed that the definition be located in paragraph 2 of the Schedule and that it refers to section 43(3)(a) of the Act, but it was considered preferable to place the definition in the sole paragraph in which it is used and to avoid referential drafting.

In paragraph 13(5) (Noise mitigation), after “sub-paragraph (1)” delete “(a)”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a cross-referencing error.

Essex County Council’s request is that in paragraph 15 (Messing operation phase traffic mitigation measures), after sub-paragraph (1), the following be inserted—

“(1A) The scheme must include an assessment of improvements to the B1023 or another suitable corridor for walking, cycling and horse riding users, to help off-set the impacts of increased traffic on this route.”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to insert omitted text. Rather than inserting the text as sub paragraph (2) and renumbering the remainder of the paragraph, as was proposed by Essex County Council (and accepted by the Applicant in its response), the inserted sub-paragraph will be numbered (1A).

## **Schedule 2, Part 2 (Procedure for discharge of requirements)**

In Part 2—

- In paragraph 22(1)(b) (Applications made under requirements), replace “under paragraph 22” with “under paragraph 23”; and
- In paragraph 23(3) (Further information), replace “in paragraph 24” with “in paragraph 22”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct cross-referencing errors.

## **Schedule 3 (Classification of roads, etc.), Part 10 (Traffic regulation measures (no entry)).**

In the section of the table headed “Traffic regulation measures movement restrictions plans – Sheet No. 10”, at row 2 of column 2, replace “(southwestbound) off -lip road” with “(southwestbound) off-slip road”.

Secretary of State's rationale: to correct a typographical error.

**Schedule 3, Part 12 (Revocations & variations of existing traffic regulation orders)**

In Part 12—

- In the section headed “Revocation of existing traffic orders plans – Sheet Nos. 1 to 19”, in row 1 of column 2, after “A12 mainline” delete “from a point”; and
- In the section headed “Revocation of existing traffic orders plans – Sheet No. 5 (and 6)”, in rows 2 to 4 of column 3, replace “Loading and Stopping” with “Loading and Stopping” in the three places where it occurs.

Secretary of State's rationale: to correct typographical errors.

In the section headed “Revocation of existing traffic orders plans – Sheet No. 5 (and 6)”, in row 3 of column 2, after “a distance of”, insert “75”.

Secretary of State's rationale: to insert omitted text.

In the section headed “Revocation of existing traffic orders plans – Sheet No. 19”, in row 1 of column 2, after “The A120 (both sides)”, delete “from to the”.

Secretary of State's rationale: to remove erroneous text.

**Schedule 4 (Permanent stopping up of highways and private means of access & provision of new highways and private means of access), Note to the Schedule**

In the note to Schedule 4, at paragraph (d), replace “to be submitted” with “to be substituted”.

Secretary of State's rationale: to correct a typographical error.

**Schedule 4, Part 2 (Highways to be stopped up for which a substitute is to be provided)**

In column 4—

- In the section headed “Sheet No. 14 (and 4-13 and 15-19)”, in row 3, after “northbound carriageway, from” delete “at”; and
- In the section headed “Sheet No. 19”, in row 1, replace “form Old Rectory junction” with “from Old Rectory junction”.

Secretary of State's rationale: to correct typographical errors.

**Schedule 4, Part 3 (New highways which are otherwise to be provided)**

In the section headed “Streets, rights of way and access plans – Sheet No. 19”, in row 3 of column 2, replace “form Old Rectory junction” with “from Old Rectory junction”.

Secretary of State's rationale: to correct a typographical error.

**Schedule 4, Part 5 (New private means of access which are to be provided)**

In the section headed "Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans – Sheet 13 (and 14)", In row 4 of column 2, after "244 metres north of the" delete "s".

Secretary of State's rationale: to correct a typographical error.

**Schedule 6 (Modification of compensation and compulsory purchase enactments for creation of new rights and imposition of restrictive covenants)**

In paragraph 5(8), in paragraph 14(1) of the substituted Schedule 2A to the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, replace "makes it determination" with "makes its determination".

Secretary of State's rationale: to correct a typographical error.

**Schedule 7 (Land of which temporary possession may be taken)**

In rows 90 (the entry relating to plot reference number 6/12e), 104 (plot reference number 7/10b) and 200 (plot reference number 12/19b) of column 2, after "Temporary works" delete "and".

Secretary of State's rationale: to remove erroneous text.

**Schedule 9 (Hedgerows and trees), Part 1 (Removal of important hedgerows)**

In Part 1—

- In the section headed "Hedgerow Survey Report – Sheets 12 and 13, Retained and Removed Vegetation Plans – Sheet 7", in row 1 of column 3, replace "Works Nos. 12(c) and 21(a)" with "Works Nos. 12(c) and 21A";
- In the section headed "Hedgerow Survey Report – Sheet 16, Retained and Removed Vegetation Plans – Sheet 8", row 1 of column 3 after "Works Nos. 12(c)" delete ", 24(f)"; and
- In the section headed "Hedgerow Survey Report – Sheets 20 and 21, Retained and Removed Vegetation Plans – Sheet 14", row 9 of column 3, replace "Work Nos. 45(b), 75, and 76(a)" with "Work Nos. 45(b), 75, and 76A".

Secretary of State's rationale: to correct cross-referencing errors.

**Schedule 9, Part 2 (Removal of other hedgerows)**

In Part 2—

- In the section headed "Hedgerow Survey Report – Sheet 18 and 19, Retained and Removed Vegetation Plans – Sheet 12", in row 1 of column 3 (replace "Works Nos. 45(a) and 50(a)" with "45(a) and 50A"; and

- In the section headed “Hedgerow Survey Report – Sheets 19 and 20, Retained and Removed Vegetation Plans – Sheet 13”, in row 1 of column 3, replace “Work No. 60(a)” with “Work No. 60A”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct cross-referencing errors.

### **Schedule 10 (Disapplication and modification of byelaws)**

In row 2 of column 2 (the entry relating to the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation Byelaws 1994), after “Byelaw 29 (penalty and defence) is disapplied insofar” insert “as”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to insert omitted text.

### **Schedule 11 (Protective provisions), Part 1 (For the protection of electricity, gas, water and sewerage undertakers)**

In paragraph 2, in the definition of “apparatus”—

- In sub-paragraph (a), replace “Electricity Act 1989” with “Electricity Act 1989”;
- and
- In the tailpiece of sub-paragraph (d), replace “of that Act” with “of that Act”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct typographical errors.

### **Schedule 11, Part 2 (For the protection of operators of electronic communications code networks)**

In paragraph 15, in the definition of “infrastructure system”, replace “of that code; an” with “of that code; and”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a typographical error.

### **Schedule 11, Part 4 (For the protection of National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC)**

In paragraph 35 (interpretation), in the definition of ““commence” and “commencement””, replace “paragraph 43 and 44” with “paragraph 42”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a cross-referencing error.

### **Schedule 11, Part 6 (For the protection of railway interests)**

In paragraph 69(3), replace “conferred by sections 27” with “conferred by sections 271”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct a typographical error.

### **Schedule 12 (Documents to be certified)**

In Schedule 12—



- In row 5 of column 1, replace “Engineering sections drawings” with “Engineering section drawings”;
- In row 9 of column 2, replace “TR010060/EXAM/6.1/9.65” with “TR010060/EXAM/9.65”; and
- In row 26 of column 1, replace “Utility diversions plans” with “Utilities works plans”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: to correct cross-referencing errors.

After row 22 (Structures engineering drawings and sections), insert—

“Supplementary Botanical Survey Report	TR010060/EXAM/9.16	Rev 2
Supplementary Hedgerow Survey Report	TR010060/EXAM/9.50	Rev 1”

Secretary of State’s rationale: to insert omitted text.

### **Proposed corrections not made**

#### **Article 2(1) (Interpretation)**

In the definition of “cycle track”, replace “includes ways which include a right of way on foot” with “includes a right of way on foot”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: The text, which maintains the inclusion of rights of way on foot in the definition of “cycle track”, was included in the Order due to concerns that the text in the draft DCO risked implying that a cycle track could be limited to a right of way on foot. The Secretary of State also notes Essex County Council’s observation that according to the Applicant’s plans not all cycle tracks provided in connection with the scheme will be shared use.

In the definition of “permanent works plans”, replace “forming parts of the works plans” with “forming part of the works plans”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: Section 6(c) of the Interpretation Act 1978, which applies to both primary and subordinate legislation, provides that “*unless the contrary intention appears ... words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular.*” Given the absence of any contrary intention section 6(c) applies and renders any correction unnecessary.

Inset a new definition: ““permit scheme” means any scheme made under Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 in force at the date of which this Order is made;”. The Applicant also proposes the addition of a footnote for section 48 of that Act and a consequential renumbering of the subsequent footnotes (applying to the definitions of “street”, “traffic authority” and “trunk road”).

Secretary of State's rationale: The term "permit scheme" is only used once in the Order, in article 12, as explanatory information in parenthesis. It is not necessary to define explanatory text of this nature. Accordingly the proposed footnote and consequential renumbering of the following footnotes are also unnecessary.

### **Article 13 (Construction and maintenance of new, altered or diverted streets and other structures)**

After paragraph (3), insert—

"(4) Where a footpath, cycle track (not comprised in a carriageway highway) or bridleway is constructed under this Order it must be completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the relevant local highway authority and, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the relevant local highway authority, must be maintained by and at the expense of the relevant local highway authority from its completion.",

and make consequential amendments to the numbering of paragraphs (4) to (7) and cross-references within the article.

Secretary of State's rationale: Article 2(1) of the Order adopts the definitions of "bridleway", "cycle track" (defined as being either "*a way constituting or comprised in a highway*"), "footpath" and "highway" from sections 328 and 329 of the Highways Act 1980. These definitions mean that the maintenance obligations applying to footpaths, cycle track and bridleways are addressed by article 13(1), making the proposed correction unnecessary and not a correctable error within the meaning of Schedule 4 to the Act.

### **Article 15 (Speed limits)**

In article 15(1), replace "(classification or roads)" with "(classification of roads)".

Secretary of State's rationale: The headings of cited provisions are provided in parenthesis to assist the reader and are not operative. This is not considered to constitute a correctable error within the meaning of Schedule 4 to the Act.

### **Schedule 2, Part 1 (Requirements)**

In paragraph 2(1) (Interpretation), after the definition of "protected species", insert—

"“relevant stakeholders” in relation to a part of the authorised development means relevant local authorities and relevant statutory environmental bodies;

"relevant statutory environmental body" means a statutory body exercising functions relating to environmental matters and which because of those functions is likely to be interested in the detailed design of the part of the authorised development in question;".

Secretary of State's rationale: Neither the Examining Authority's [Recommendation Report](#) ("ER") nor the Secretary of State's [Decision Letter](#) ("the DL") demonstrate an intention to restrict the scope of "relevant stakeholders" in paragraph 10(3) of the Order in the way that is being proposed. In addition, the reference at paragraph 9.4.94 of the ER for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Development Consent Order 2022

("the Black Cat Order") was an observation that that the wording used had been acceptable to the Applicant on that occasion; it doesn't suggest that the text used in that Order is a template. Similarly, paragraph 97 of the DL noted that paragraph 10(3) is drafted in broad terms and was clear that neither its use in the Order nor the Black Cat Order sets a precedent for future DCOs, with future examinations being expected to "identify any specific key design issues where further consultation would be beneficial and to propose specific requirements as necessary". There is nothing to suggest that the failure to define "relevant stakeholders", and consequently "relevant statutory environmental body", was either an error or an omission and so it does not constitute a correctable error within the meaning of Schedule 4 to the Act.

In paragraph 15(2)(e) (Messing operation phase traffic mitigation measures), after "horse riding users" delete ", as identified in the assessment under sub-paragraph (2)".

Secretary of State's rationale: The Examining Authority, at paragraph 5.15.147 of its ("ER"), advised that requirement 15 should include the wording proposed by Essex County Council at page 12 of [REP7-049](#), "except for item (3)(iii) relating to the widening of Hinds Bridge". However, contrary to this recommendation, the text requiring an assessment of improvements to the B1023 or another suitable corridor for walking, cycling and horse riding users was not included in the recommended DCO. This omission was clearly an error and so the correction sought by Essex County Council (above) has been accepted, making the correction proposed by the Applicant unnecessary. The Applicant's response also accepted that its proposal was unnecessary should the Secretary of State's intention have been to require an assessment of improvements to the B1023 or another suitable corridor for walking, cycling and horse riding users.

### **Schedule 3 (Classification of roads, etc.), Part 9 (Traffic regulation measures (prohibitions))**

In row 21 of column 1 (under the sub-heading "Traffic regulation measures movement restrictions plans – Sheet No. 16"), replace "Feering CP. Copford CP" with "Feering CP, Copford CP".

Secretary of State's rationale: the cited text does not appear in the published Order ([The A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Development Consent Order 2024 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)).

### **Schedule 3, Part 12 (Revocations & variations of existing traffic regulation orders)**

In row 4 of column 2 (under the sub-heading "Revocation of existing traffic orders plans – Sheet Nos. 2 to 4"), replace "(both side)" with "(both sides)".

Secretary of State's rationale: Due to section 6(c) of the Interpretation Act 1978, as outlined above.

**Schedule 4 (Permanent stopping up of highways and private means of access & provision of new highways and private means of access), Part 4 (Private means of access to be stopped up for which no substitute is to be provided)**

In row 18 of column 3 (under the sub-heading “Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans – Sheet 15”), replace “metre” with “metres”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: Due to section 6(c) of the Interpretation Act 1978, as outlined above.

**Schedule 11 (Protective provisions), Part 6 (for the protection of railway interests)**

In paragraph 69(1)(m), replace “article 47 (trees subject to tree preservation orders)” with “article 47 (trees subject to tree preservation orders, etc)”.

Secretary of State’s rationale: The headings of cited provisions are provided in parenthesis to assist the reader and are not operative. This is not considered to constitute a correctable error within the meaning of Schedule 4 to the Act.

**Proposed corrections relating to punctuation or missing spaces where there is no scope for them to cause confusion or misunderstanding**

Corrections were proposed to the following provisions—

- Articles 11(3) and (6) (Consent to transfer benefit of Order), 15(9) (Speed limits) in sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of “variable message sign”, 22(6)(b)(i) (Clearways, prohibitions and restrictions), 40(1)(b) (Temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development) and 50(1) (Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance);
- Schedule 1 (Authorised development), in sub-paragraphs (a)(i) and (d)(i) of the section headed “In the County of Essex, in the administration areas of Chelmsford City Council, Braintree District Council, Maldon District Council and Colchester City Council”, and the entries for “Work No. 65” and “Work No. 74”;
- Schedule 3—
  - Part 7 (Variable speed limits), in row 27 of column 2 (under the sub-heading “Traffic regulation measures speed limits plans – Sheet No. 14”);
  - Part 12, in row 2 of column 1 (under the sub-heading “Revocation of existing traffic orders plans – Sheet Nos. 1 to 19”); and
  - Part 13 (Footways, cycle tracks, footways and bridleways), in row 8 of column 2 (under the sub-heading “Streets, rights of way and access plans – Sheet No. 2”);
- Schedule 4—
  - In the Note to the Schedule, sub-paragraph (b)(ii);

- Part 2 (Highways to be stopped up for which a substitute is to be provided), in row 2 of column 3 (under the sub-heading “Sheet No. 2 (and 1)”); and
- Part 5 (New private means of access which are to be provided)—
  - in row 17 of column 2 (under the sub-heading “Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans – Sheet 5”),
  - row 6 of column 2 (“Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans – Sheet 10”), and
  - row 149 of column 2 (“Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans – Sheet 17”).
- Schedule 5 (Land in which new rights etc. may be acquired), in row 157 of column 2 (regarding plot reference number 14/3j).

Secretary of State’s rationale: The punctuation errors identified are considered sufficiently minor and immaterial that there is no scope for them causing confusion or misunderstanding of the provisions concerned. It is not considered that they constitute correctable errors within the meaning of Schedule 4 to the Act.

### **Proposed corrections relating to capitalising geographical directions in parenthesis**

Corrections were proposed to text in parenthesis, with “(east” being replaced by “(East” in the following Schedule 9 (Hedgerows and trees) provisions—

- Part 1 (Removal of important hedgerows), in row 27 of column 1 (under the sub-heading “Hedgerow Survey Report – Sheets 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Retained and Removed Vegetation Plans – Sheet 6”);
- Part 2 (Removal of other hedgerows), in rows 2 and 3 of column 2 (under the sub-heading “Supplementary Hedgerow Survey Report – Sheet 1, Retained and Removed Vegetation Plans – Sheets 8 and 9”).

Secretary of State’s rationale: The errors identified are considered sufficiently minor and immaterial that there is no scope for them causing confusion or misunderstanding of the provisions concerned. It is not considered that they constitute correctable errors within the meaning of Schedule 4 to the Act.

## **LEGAL CHALLENGES RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS**

Under section 118(4) of the Act, a decision under paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to correct an error in an Order granting development consent can be challenged only by means of a claim for judicial review. A claim for judicial review must be made to the High Court during the period of 6 weeks beginning with the day after the day on which the Order making the correction is published. The A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Development Consent Order 2024 (as made) is being published on the Planning Inspectorate website at the following address:

[A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme - Project information \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](http://planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

**These notes are provided for guidance only. A person who thinks they may have grounds for challenging the decision to make the Correction Order referred to in this notice is advised to seek legal advice before taking any action. If you require advice on the process for making any challenge you should contact the Administrative Court Office at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL (020 7947 6655).**