Application by Highways England for the M25 Junction 28 Project
The Examining Authority's Further Written Questions and requests for information (WQ2) Issued on Thursday 25 March 2021

Focused response on Landscape and Visual matters, LV 2.8 only

This submission relates to the Examining Authority's (ExA) written question relating to Landscape and Visual matters, LV 2.8. The question was part of the request for information (WQ2) on Thursday 25 March 2021, though it was made clear that information was to be submitted by the applicant at Deadline 5 with any responses required by Deadline 6.

This response on behalf of Brentwood Borough Council is set out, in the same format as the previous reply to WQ2, **in blue text** in the table below, and is provided before Deadline 6.

LV	Landscape and visual	
LV 2.8	*Outline Arboricultural Method Statement* **London Borough of Havering Natural England Brentwood Borough Council Essex County Council**	In its response to Action Points 12, 13 and 14 [REP4-021] from ISH1 [EV-009], the Applicant stated that an update to the outline AMS will be submitted at Deadline 5, Tuesday 13 April 2021. The ExA expects the updated document to address some of the identified inadequacies in respect to identification of lost Tree Preservation Order (TPO) trees and protection measures of ancient and mature woodlands, TPO trees and veteran trees. Provide a response on the adequacy of this document at Deadline 6, Tuesday 27 April 2021**.** **The report has been reviewed. It has attempted to quantify the loss of trees within the woods. None of the losses apply to woods in Brentwood; they are solely within Havering. On that basis we offer no objections.** **As observations, it is accepted that the final detail scheme would be prepared by the Principal Contractor; however the Outline AMS appears appropriate; however some detail should be provided to help in assessing the significance of the tree loss beyond numbers of individuals and the adequacy of the proposed mitigation.** **Many of the trees to be lost, particularly in Groups, are assessed as Category C. It might be helpful to include photos showing examples of the quality/size of these trees.** **Para 6.1.2 states that the area of new woodland planting equates to 3.8 hectares. It is not clear how this compares to the areas of existing woodland to be lost.**

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