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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document relates to an application by Highways England to the Secretary of State for Transport under the Planning Act 2008, for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements (the 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 guidance, ‘Planning Act 2008: Application form guidance’ (June 2013).
- 1.1.4 This document sets out where within the 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 **[TR010044/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 2 and Volume 3 of the Environmental Statement in the following locations:
- a. Statutory and non-statutory nature conservation sites are set out in **Figure 1 Sites Designated for Biodiversity** within **Appendix 8.2 Designated Sites** of the Environmental Statement Appendices [TR010044/APP/6.3].
 - b. Sites of geological importance are set out in **Figure 9.2 Solid Geology** within the Environmental Statement Figures [TR010044/APP/6.2].
 - c. Sites of landscape importance are set out in **Figure 7.4 Landscape Context and Designations** within the Environmental Statement Figures [TR010044/APP/6.2].
 - d. Habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features are set out in the following appendices of the Environmental Statement Appendices [TR010044/APP/6.3]:
 - i. Appendix 8.3 - Terrestrial Habitats including Hedgerows
 - ii. Appendix 8.4 - Aquatic Habitats
 - iii. Appendix 8.5 - Bats
 - iv. Appendix 8.6 - Badger (confidential)
 - v. Appendix 8.7 - Riparian Mammals
 - vi. Appendix 8.8 - Dormouse and other Mammals
 - vii. Appendix 8.9 - Wintering Birds
 - viii. Appendix 8.10 - Breeding Birds
 - ix. Appendix 8.11 - Hobby and Kite (confidential)
 - x. Appendix 8.12 - Barn Owl (confidential)
 - xi. Appendix 8.13 - Reptiles
 - xii. Appendix 8.14 - Great Crested Newt
 - xiii. Appendix 8.15 - Fish
 - xiv. Appendix 8.16 - Terrestrial Invertebrates
 - xv. Appendix 8.17 - Aquatic Invertebrates
 - e. Water bodies are identified in a river basin management plan within Figure 2 of the **Water Framework Directive Assessment**, contained in Appendix 13.1 within the Environmental Statement Appendices [TR010044/APP/6.3].

2.2 Assessment

- 2.2.1 The assessments of effects on features, sites, habitats or bodies likely to be caused by the Scheme are reported throughout the Environmental Statement [TR010044/APP/6.1], and within relevant appendices contained within Volume 3 of the Environmental Statement Appendices [TR010044/APP/6.3].

- 2.2.2 An assessment of the Scheme effects on landscape features is presented in **Chapter 7, Landscape and visual effects** of the Environmental Statement [TR010044/APP/6.1].
- 2.2.3 An assessment of the Scheme effects on habitats, protected species and other biodiversity features is provided in **Chapter 8, Biodiversity** of the Environmental Statement [TR010044/APP/6.1]. Detailed survey reports, baseline reports and other technical information referenced within Chapter 8 of the Environmental Statement are provided as Appendices 8.1 to 8.18 within Volume 3 of the Environmental Statement Appendices [TR010044/APP/6.3].
- 2.2.4 An assessment of the Scheme effects on geological features is presented in **Chapter 9, Geology and soils** of the Environmental Statement [TR010044/APP/6.1].
- 2.2.5 An assessment of the Scheme effects on water bodies is presented in **Chapter 13, Road Drainage and the water environment** of the Environmental Statement [TR010044/APP/6.1].

3 References

- 3.1.1 Department for Communities and Local Government (2013) Planning Act 2008: Application Form Guidance.