

Appendix E - Comments on any further information received by Deadline 2

A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme

1. Air Quality

Chelmsford City Council LIR [REP2-106] and ExQ1 Responses [REP2-107]

- 1.1 MDC has raised concerns in its LIR [REP2-068] and ExQ1 [REP2-067] response that traffic emanating from the Maldon District has the potential to impact on the Danbury Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in the Chelmsford City area. The A414 is a direct route out of the Maldon District to connect to the SRN at Junction 18 Sandon. There are two AQMAs on the A414 at Market Hill, Maldon and Oak Corner, Danbury on the A414. The Project construction at the Duke of Wellington bridge and Junction 21 will cause delays on the only other direct route out of the Maldon District on the B1019 to the Duke of Wellington Mini Roundabout to access Junction 20a (to close) and Junction 20b (the subject of the Duke of Wellington Bridge upgrade and access to new Junction 21).
- 1.2 MDC is of the view that increased traffic flows on the A414 to avoid the B1019 to the Duke of Wellington Mini Roundabout junction with Maldon Road whilst the Project is in its construction phase, could affect air quality on the A414 within the AQMA in Danbury, Chelmsford.
- 1.3 MDC note Chelmsford City Council's LIR and ExQ1 response consider air quality in the Chelmsford City area as a whole and are focussed to the Project corridor and Order Limits.

2 Biodiversity

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Legislation & Policy

- 2.1 MDC is of the view that the section on Legislation and Policy should have also reviewed relevant local policies. These are referenced generically by the section which covers the National Planning Policy Framework at 3.7 which establishes that local planning

authorities should set criteria-based policies against which proposals for any development on or affecting protected wildlife sites or geodiversity sites or landscape areas will be judged. It is amiss, in MDC's view, for the Applicant to then not review them.

2.2 For the Maldon District, this would be:

- i) Maldon District Local Development Plan 2014-2029 approved in July 2017
 - Policy N1 – Green Infrastructure Network
 - Policy N2 - Natural Environment, Biodiversity & Geodiversity
- ii) Wickham Bishops Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2029
 - WNEEn 02 – Biodiversity and Natural Habitats