

Appendix D – Any further information requested by the ExA

A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme

1. Blue Mills Nature Reserve – Arboricultural Advice

1.1 Maldon District Council sought independent arboricultural advice regarding the treatment of the female Black Poplar tree located to the north of the Nature Reserve that has the potential to be impacted by the relocation of the Cadent gas main. It was requested by the ExA that this advice was provided to the Examiners and National Highways before Deadline 7. A letter was emailed to National Highways and copied into the Examiners on the 28 June 2023 outlining the advice and the concerns they have regarding the calculation of the Root Protection Area afforded to the Black Poplar, which National Highways assessed to be a veteran tree in its *Supplementary Arboricultural Survey Report* [REP3-008].