

# Appendix A – Any further information requested by the ExA

## A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme

### 1. Blue Mills Nature Reserve – Arboricultural Advice submitted before deadline 7

- 1.1 As requested by the ExA, Arboricultural advice was sought by MDC regarding the treatment of the Black Poplar tree located in the northern section of the Blue Mills Nature Reserve prior to DL7. It has been recognised by the Applicant that the Root Protection Area (RPA) of 16.3 metres afforded to the potential veteran tree in document *9.30 Supplementary Arboricultural Survey Report (January 2023)*, was not sufficient.
- 1.2 MDC welcomes the revised RPA of 20.4 metres and the reassurances provided to MDC by the Applicant regarding this detail. This has enabled Issue 2.9 within the SoCG between MDC and National Highways to be moved from ‘under discussion’ to ‘agreed’.