



**HIGHWAYS ENGLAND
REGULATION 8 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(COMPULSORY ACQUISITION) REGULATIONS 2010**

**THE A14 CAMBRIDGE TO HUNTINGDON
IMPROVEMENT SCHEME DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER
(PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010018)**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROVISION FOR POWERS OF
COMPULSORY ACQUISITION IN RESPECT OF
ADDITIONAL LAND**

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The documents listed above (and all other Application documents and plans) are also available to view online through the Planning Inspectorate's website: <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/A14>

Copies of the documents listed above may be requested from the Highways England A14 Project Team using the contact details at the end of this notice. Subject to reasonable requests these documents will be provided free of charge. Paper copies of other Application documents are also available on request and a charge may apply.

MAKING REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSED COMPULSORY ACQUISITION OF THE ADDITIONAL LAND

Any representations (giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Proposed Provision for the compulsory acquisition of the Additional Land) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online by following the instructions at the relevant link: <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/A14>

If you would like to request a paper copy of the Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation Form please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed hard copy forms should then be sent to: The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference number for the Application (TR010018) should be quoted in any correspondence.

Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by **11:59pm on 10 September 2015**. Representations will be made public by the Planning Inspectorate.

Further information about the Scheme may be obtained from the Applicant:

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