

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

NOTICE OF ISSUE SPECIFIC, OPEN FLOOR AND COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARINGS

THE M4 MOTORWAY (JUNCTIONS 3 TO 12) (SMART MOTORWAY) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPLICATION REFERENCE: TR010019

SECTIONS 91, 92 AND 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

RULE 13(6) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a number of issue specific and open floor hearings and a compulsory acquisition hearing will be held by the Examining Authority appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government ("Secretary of State") to consider the application made by the Highways Agency, now Highways England Company Limited (the "Applicant") for a development consent order under the Planning Act 2008 (the "Application"). The Application was made under sections 14, 22 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 30 March 2015 and was accepted by the Secretary of State on 27 April 2015. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number TR010019.

The Application relates to improvements to the M4 Motorway between Junctions 3 and 12 to upgrade it to a smart motorway. The length of the project is approximately 52 kilometres and is situated in the London Boroughs of Hounslow and Hillingdon, Counties of West Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and South Buckinghamshire, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and the Boroughs of Bracknell, Wokingham, Slough and Reading.

The Project

The development consent order sought by the Application will authorise improvements and alterations to the highway comprising the M4 Motorway and other highways together with other development including:

1. conversion of the hard shoulder to a running lane ("all lane running");
2. widening or demolition and rebuilding of existing overbridges, underbridges, subways and culverts;
3. widening and realignment of the M4 Motorway and side roads;
4. installation and removal of signs and/or gantries with associated cabinets and cabling;
5. installation of above ground traffic detection radar units and closed circuit television cameras;
6. construction of Emergency Refuge Areas ("ERAs");
7. the compulsory acquisition of land including rights in or over land required for the purposes of the project, or to facilitate or incidental to the project;

8. imposition of variable speed limits and other traffic management and control measures; and
9. development including plant, equipment and buildings comprised in the project including:
 - 9.1 construction sites, lay-down areas, working areas and temporary works and structures;
 - 9.2 site access, internal site roads and vehicle parking;
 - 9.3 landscaping and replacement planting;
 - 9.4 foul drainage provision and surface water management systems;
 - 9.5 permanent and/or temporary changes to the highway network for the project and other access facilities;
 - 9.6 the application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the project including inter alia legislation relating to the compulsory acquisition of land and traffic management; and
 - 9.7 such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

A map showing the location of the project is attached to this notice.

If the DCO is made by the Secretary of State for Transport, it would allow Highways England, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining the Scheme, to acquire compulsorily interests in and rights over land, including the power to create and acquire new rights over land, and to take possession of and to use land temporarily.

The Issue Specific Hearings will be held at the following dates, times and location:

	Date	Time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing - Environment (incl. traffic forecasting, air quality, noise, visual impact and water environment)	Tuesday 17 November 2015	Starting at 10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	Private Room 38, Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow Hotel, 140 Bath Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 5AW
Issue Specific Hearing - Environment (incl. traffic forecasting, air quality, noise, visual impact and water)	Wednesday 18 November 2015	Starting at 10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	Private Room 38, Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow Hotel, 140 Bath Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 5AW

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Issue Specific Hearing - Traffic Safety	Wednesday 18 November 2015	Starting at 2.00pm (seating available from 1.30pm)	Private Room 38, Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow Hotel, 140 Bath Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 5AW
Issue Specific Hearing dealing with matters relating to the draft Development Consent Order	Thursday 19 November 2015	Starting at 10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	Private Room 38, Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow Hotel, 140 Bath Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 5AW

The Compulsory Acquisition Hearing will be held at the following date, time and location:

	Date	Time	Location
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (including representations by LB of Hillingdon, Slough Allotment Federation and other interested parties)	Thursday 19 November 2015	Starting at 2.00pm (seating available from 1.30pm)	Private Room 38, Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow Hotel, 140 Bath Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 5AW

The Open Floor Hearings will be held at the following dates, times and locations:

	Date	Time	Location
Open Floor Hearing	Monday 16 November 2015	Starting 7.00pm (seating available from 6.30 pm)	Kings Room, Wycliffe Baptist Church, 233 Kings Road, Reading, West Berkshire, RG1 4LS
Open Floor Hearing	Thursday 19 November 2015	Starting at 7.00 pm (seating available from 6.30pm)	Private Room 38, Radisson Blu Edwardian Heathrow Hotel, 140 Bath Road, Hayes,

			Middlesex, UB3 5AW
Open Floor Hearing	Friday 20 November 2015	Starting at 10.00 am (seating available from 9.30 am)	Room Berkshire 1 & 2, Holiday Inn Maidenhead/Windsor, Manor Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 2RA

At each hearing, each interested party is entitled (subject to the Examining Authority's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make oral representations about the specific issues outlined above. Any representations that are made should be restricted solely to the specific issue being examined. A person is an "interested party" if the person falls within the definition of an "interested party" contained within section 102 of the Planning Act 2008.

In accordance with Rule 13(3)(a) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examining Procedure) Rules 2010 the Examining Authority will also notify interested parties of the date, time and place fixed for the hearing.

Copies of Application Documents

A copy of the application form and accompanying plans, maps and other documents, together with documents in relation to the examination of the Application, may be viewed free of charge (in electronic form only) at the following locations:

	Reading Central Library Abbey Square Reading RG1 3BQ	Maidenhead Library St Ives Road Maidenhead SL6 1QU	Uxbridge Library 13-14 High Street Uxbridge Middlesex UB8 1HD	Slough Library 85 High Street Slough SL1 1EA	Datchet Library Montagu House 8 Horton Road Datchet SL3 9ER
Monday	9.00am - 5.30pm	9.00am - 7.00pm	8.00am - 8.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm	Closed
Tuesday	9.00am - 7.00pm	9.00am - 7.00pm	8.00am - 8.00pm	9.00am - 7.00pm	2.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday	9.00am - 5.00pm	9.00am - 7.00pm	8.00am - 8.00pm	9.00am - 7.00pm	10.00am - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	9.00am - 7.00pm	9.00am - 7.00pm	8.00am - 8.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm	10.00am - 1.00pm
Friday	9.00am - 5.30pm	9.00am - 7.00pm	9.00am - 5.30pm	9.00am - 7.00pm	10.00am - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday	9.00am - 5.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm	9.00am - 5.30pm	9.00am - 4.00pm	10.00am - 1.00pm
Sunday	Closed	11.00am - 2.00pm	11.00am - 5.00pm	Closed	11.00am to 2.00pm

Copies of the application documents can also be viewed online at the M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway page on the PINS website at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk>.

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