

**THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

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

**TR010019**

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**Tony Massingham**

**Response to Written Representation**

**Appendix A - Section 56 notice dated 28 May 2015**

**Deadline III - 5 November 2015**

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

**PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPLICATION REFERENCE: TR010019 M4 JUNCTIONS 3 TO 12 SMART MOTORWAY**

**Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008**

**Regulation 9 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009**

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE**

Notice is given that on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, the Planning Inspectorate has accepted an application made by the Highways Agency, now Highways England Company Limited (the "Applicant") of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4LZ, for a development consent order under the Planning Act 2008 (the "Application"). The Application was made on 30 March 2015 and was accepted on 27 April 2015 (reference: TR010019 M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway).

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 is a nationally significant infrastructure project under section 14 of the Planning Act 2008.

**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.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

The project is an environmental impact assessment development. An Environmental Statement accompanies the Application.

### **Copies of Application Documents**

A copy of the Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps (including the draft development consent order and the Environmental Statement) are available for inspection until 10 July 2015 free of charge at the following locations during normal opening hours:

Uxbridge: Uxbridge Library, 13-14 High Street, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1HD

Slough: Slough Library, 85 High Street, Slough, SL1 1EA

Theale: Theale Library, Church Street, Theale, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 5BZ

Windsor and Maidenhead: Windsor and Maidenhead Council, Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1RF

Wokingham: Wokingham Library, Denmark Street, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 2BB

Windsor: Windsor Library, Bachelors Acre, Windsor, SL4 1ER

Binfield: Binfield Library, Benetfeld Road, Binfield, Bracknell, RG42 4JZ

Burnham: Burnham Library, Windsor Lane, Burnham, Buckinghamshire, SL1 7HR

Iver: Iver Parish Council Offices, 63 Chequers Orchard, Iver, Buckinghamshire, SL0 9NJ

Eton Wick: Eton Wick Library, Village Hall, Eton Wick, Slough, SL4 6LT

Cranford: Cranford Library, Bath Road, Hounslow, Greater London, TW5 9TL

Denham: South Bucks District Council, Capswood, Oxford Road, Denham, Buckinghamshire, UB9 4LH

Chalvey: Chalvey Community Centre, The Green, Chalvey SL1 2SP

Reading: Reading Central Library, Abbey Square, Reading, RG1 3BQ

Datchet: Datchet Library, Montagu House, 8 Horton Road, Datchet, Slough SL3 9ER

The Application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the draft development consent order and the Environmental Statement, are also available to view online through the Planning Inspectorate's website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m4-junctions-3-to-12-smart-motorway/>

Copies of all the Application documents may be purchased using the contact details at the end of this notice. An electronic copy of the full suite of Application documents on DVD can be obtained free of charge, and a paper copy can be obtained for a charge of £4,088.00. Postal charges will also apply. Paper copies of individual documents are also available on request and a charge may apply.

### **Making a representation about the Application**

Any representations giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form which can be accessed and completed online by following the instruction at the relevant link: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m4-junctions-3-to-12-smart-motorway/>

If you would like to request a paper copy of the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should be sent to: The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference number of the Application (TR010019) should be quoted in any correspondence.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.3: How to register and become an interested party in an application (April 2012) provides further guidance on how to register as an interested party and make a relevant representation on the project, and can be accessed via the following link: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm on 3 July 2015. Representations will be made public by the Planning Inspectorate.

Further information about the project may be obtained from Highways England by post to Highways England, M4 J3-J12 Smart Motorway Team, The Cube, 199 Wharfside Street, Birmingham, B1 1RN or by email to [M4J3to12SmartMotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:M4J3to12SmartMotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Highways England

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