

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

SECTION 153 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008, REGULATION 6 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (CHANGES TO, AND REVOCATION OF, DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2011 (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO MAKE A NON-MATERIAL CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER:

THE M4 MOTORWAY (JUNCTIONS 3 TO 12) (SMART MOTORWAY) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2016 (S.I. 2016/863)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that National Highways of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ, has made an application (“the Application”) to the Secretary of State for Transport, for a non-material change to be made to the M4 Motorway (Junctions 3 to 12) (Smart Motorway) Development Consent Order 2016/863 (“the DCO”).

The Application seeks a non-material change to the DCO that authorised National Highways to undertake the improvement and alteration of 51 kilometres (32 miles) of the M4 Motorway between Junction 3 (Hayes) and Junction 12 (Theale) to upgrade it to a “smart motorway”, with the hard shoulder transformed into a permanent additional running lane and traffic flow moderated by the use of variable speed limits. The scheme includes the replacement of overbridge structures, the extension of underbridge structures, changes to junctions and slip roads, the provision of new gantries and signs, and other infrastructure such as emergency areas. The amendment seeks to achieve the following:

- a) No-Through Junction Running (No-TJR) is proposed at Junctions 5, 6, 8/9 and 11 where previously Through Junction Running had been proposed;
- b) To facilitate the detailed design of three bridges where the height of these new bridges (Huntercombe Spur, Oldway Lane and Wood Lane) is outside of the limits of deviation provided for by the DCO;
- c) The asymmetric widening of Sipson Road Subway to the north instead of the previously proposed widening to the south, due to site constraints;
- d) To amend the “principles set out in the engineering and design report” to facilitate the detailed design of the scheme which are not consistent with the principles previously approved. This will facilitate changes such as to the number of spans, footway locations and extensions to culverts required; and
- e) Changes to acoustic barriers.

How to view the Application documents

A copy of the Application documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the changes are available to be viewed and downloaded for inspection, free of charge, at the National Infrastructure Planning Portal at the following webpage:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m4-junctions-3-to-12-smart-motorway/>

Any enquiries on the documents can be sent to National Highways at the following contact details:

Email: M4J3to12SmartMotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk

Telephone: 0300 123 5000

Post: 2 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6BN

The Application documents will remain available on the above websites until at least 11.59pm on 03 June 2022.

A paper copy of the application can be obtained but a charge, up to a maximum of £100 (plus VAT at 20%), will be made to cover printing and postage. To request a paper copy of the Application and accompanying documents, or for details regarding payment methods, please contact National Highways using the contact details provided above.

Making representations about the Application

If you wish to respond to this notice or make comments or representations in respect of the Application, these should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate by either:

Email:

M4Junction3to12@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Post: letters to - National Infrastructure Planning, The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN quoting 'M4 Junctions 3 to 12 Smart Motorway (TR10019)'.

If you have any difficulty in submitting a representation by email, please contact M4Junction3to12@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or 0303 444 5000 and a member of the Planning Inspectorate's case team will be able to assist.

Please note that any representations received by the Planning Inspectorate in response to the consultation will be handled in compliance with the United Kingdom's General Data Protection Regulations and published on the relevant page of the Planning Inspectorate's Infrastructure Planning Portal

(<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m4-junctions-3-to-12-smart-motorway/>), with all personal information removed.

Any comments or representations on the Application must be received no later than 11.59pm on 03 June 2022.