

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

Notice of Acceptance of an Application for a Development Consent Order

A19 Downhill Lane Junction Improvement

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport has accepted an application by **Highways England Company Limited** of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ (the "Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 (the "Application"). The Application was submitted by Highways England to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate ("the Inspectorate") on Friday 25 January 2019 and was accepted for examination on Friday 22 February 2019. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is TR010024.

The DCO would authorise improvements to the Downhill Lane Junction and connecting side roads in South Tyneside and Sunderland, between the A1290 and Downhill Lane. The proposed development (the "Scheme") in summary involves:

- Construction of a new bridge south of the existing bridge.
- Together with the existing bridge this will form a more traditional roundabout junction layout above the A19.
- The existing north-bound and south-bound A19 slip roads will be realigned to tie in with the new elevated roundabout arrangement.
- To the north of the junction, these will serve as link roads between Downhill Lane Junction and the proposed new Testo's junction roundabout.
- The slip roads south of the junction will also be realigned but will continue to provide direct access to and from the A19.
- On the west side of the junction the A1290 will be re-aligned and to the east, the layout of Downhill lane and Washington Road will also be amended to suit the new junction.
- Temporary access roads, temporary highways works, temporary construction compounds and work sites will be required during construction of the scheme.

The DCO would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Scheme.

The DCO would make provisions in connection with several ancillary matters including: the temporary and permanent stopping up of lengths of existing highways in the vicinity of the route; the temporary and permanent stopping up or diversion of highways and; the temporary and permanent stopping up of private means of access in the vicinity of the route.

The Scheme is Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development") as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Copies of the application form and accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement are available for inspection free of charge from Wednesday 6 March 2019 until Tuesday 16 April 2019 at the following locations and times.

Location	Opening Hours
Highways England, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds LS11 9AT Telephone: 0300 470 2705	Monday 0800 - 1600 Tuesday 0800 - 1600 Wednesday 0800 - 1600 Thursday 0800 - 1600 Friday 0800 - 1600
Bunny Hill Customer Service Centre Hylton Lane, Sunderland, SR5 4BW Telephone: 0191 519 5800	Monday 0800 - 1800 Tuesday 0800 - 1800 Wednesday 0800 - 1800 Thursday 0800 - 1800 Friday 0800 - 1800
The Word Library 45 Market Place, South Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE33 1JF Telephone: 0191 427 1818	Monday 0900 - 1900 Tuesday 0900 - 1900 Wednesday 0900 - 1900 Thursday 0900 - 1900 Friday 0900 - 1700 Saturday 1000 - 1600 Sunday 1000 - 1600

Copies of the Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary are available to take away, free of charge, from these locations, or can be obtained by contacting the project team using the contact details at the end of this notice.

The application form and the accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement can also be viewed online at the National Infrastructure website for the Application: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a19-downhill-lane-junction-improvement/?ipcsection=docs>

Copies may also be purchased from the project team using the contact details at the end of this notice. Copies of the suite of application documents can be obtained for a charge of £2485 for hard copies. On request, a USB containing these documents will be provided free of charge. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a charge may apply.

Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (ie: giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application). Any representation relating to the Application must be submitted on a registration form and give the grounds on which it is made. The Inspectorate has issued detailed advice on registering as an interested party and making a relevant representation, to which you are advised to have regard. This advice notice (8.2 – How to Register to Participate in an Examination) can be found at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

The Registration and Relevant Representation form will be made available by the Inspectorate on Wednesday 6 March 2019 at the relevant link at the relevant page for the Application: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a19-downhill-lane-junction-improvement/?ipcsection=overview>

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the form by telephoning **0303 444 5000** quoting the name of the Application and the Inspectorate reference number TR010024. A completed hard copy form to be submitted to the Inspectorate should be sent to:

The Planning Inspectorate
Major Applications & Plans
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Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
BRISTOL
BS1 6PN

Please quote reference number TR010024 in all correspondence with the Inspectorate about this Application.

Representations must be received by the Inspectorate no later than 11.59 on Tuesday 16 April 2019. Please note that any submitted representations to the Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure website for the Application.

Further information about the Application may be obtained from Highways England as follows:

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