

Notification of Hearings under Rule 13(6) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

A19 DOWNHILL LANE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

SECTIONS 91 and 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

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

NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE A19 DOWNHILL LANE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, an open floor hearing and an issue specific hearing will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) for the examination of the application made by Highways England for a Development Consent Order (“the DCO”) for the A19 Downhill Lane junction improvement scheme (“the Application”).

The Application was made to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (via the Planning Inspectorate) under sections 14, 22 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 25 January 2019 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 22 February 2019. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number TR010024.

SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

The Application seeks development consent for the A19 Downhill Lane junction improvement in the North East region, located within the administrative areas of South Tyneside and Sunderland (the “Scheme”).

The main aspects of the Scheme comprise the following:

- 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.

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 DCO would also make provision for development, which would constitute associated development together with other ancillary matters, including those related to the temporary and permanent stopping up of highways in the vicinity of the Scheme; and the temporary and permanent stopping up of private means of access in the vicinity of the Scheme.

HEARINGS

The Examining Authority's letter dated 12 July 2019 contains a programme for the examination of the Application, including a number of hearings. Those hearings taking place in August 2019 will be held at the dates, times and locations set out in the table below.

Date	Hearing Type	Time	Place
13 August 2019	Issue Specific Hearing	14:00	Clarion Hotel, Whitney Way, Boldon Colliery, NE35 9PE
13 August 2019	Open Floor Hearing	18:30	Clarion Hotel, Whitney Way, Boldon Colliery, NE35 9PE

The venues will be open to the public half an hour before the start of the hearings.

Any hearings further to those listed above will be advertised by one or more further notices. In accordance with Rule 13(3) of Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties of the date, time and place fixed for each hearing.

For more information on these hearings, the examination of the Application and full timetable (and any amendments to it), including how and when to register to speak at the hearings and how and when to make written submissions, please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the details below, or visit its website where procedural decisions and notices of hearings are available to download.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a19-downhill-lane-junction-improvement/?ipcsection=overview>

COPIES OF THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Copies of the Application documents, including the draft Development Consent Order, the compulsory acquisition information (including the Land Plans, Book of Reference, Funding Statement and Statement of Reasons) and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded online at the Planning Inspectorate's project website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a19-downhill-lane-junction-improvement/?ipcsection=overview>

Full copies of the Application documents can be viewed at the following public 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

Venue copying charges will apply.

The Application documents can also be viewed online at libraries with internet facilities, using the web address above; please note that you may need to bring a form of ID to use the computer in such libraries.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the Application, the hearings, how to take part in the Examination and any other matters covered in this notice may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or Highways England A19 Downhill Lane junction improvement team using the following contact details:

The Planning Inspectorate	Highways England
<p>Post: The Planning Inspectorate 3D Eagle Wing Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS1 6PN</p> <p>Email: A19DownhillLaneJunction@pins.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>Phone: 0303 444 5000</p> <p>Website: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a19-downhill-lane-junction-improvement/?ipcsection=overview</p>	<p>A19 Downhill Lane Junction Improvement Project Team, Highways England, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AT</p> <p>Email: A19DownhillLane@highwaysengland.co.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 0300 123 5000</p>

<p>Please quote the Application reference number TR010024 in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this Scheme.</p>	
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<p>Correspondence about this Scheme should be marked FAO A19 Downhill Lane Junction Improvement Case Team</p>	
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23 July 2019