



## **SECTION 56 PLANNING ACT 2008**

### **REGULATION 8, THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009**

### **REGULATION 16, THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

## **NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

### **PROPOSED M25 JUNCTION 28 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

#### **(PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010029)**

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport has accepted an application made by Highways England Company Limited ("Highways England") of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4LZ under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Application") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO"). Highways England's Application was received by the Planning Inspectorate on 27 May 2020 and accepted for examination on 24 June 2020. The Planning Inspectorate reference number is TR010029.

#### **Summary of the scheme**

The proposed DCO would authorise the M25 junction 28 improvement scheme ("the Scheme"), located within the administrative areas of Brentwood Borough Council, the London Borough of Havering and Essex County Council. The Scheme comprises an alteration of junction 28 of the M25 and is needed to reduce congestion, improve safety and support development and economic growth. The DCO would, amongst other things, authorise the following:

- the creation of a new two lane loop road with hard shoulder, for traffic travelling from the M25 northbound carriageway onto the A12 eastbound carriageway, including the provision of three new bridges and an underpass to carry the new loop road over a proposed access track;
- realignment of the existing A12 eastbound exit (off-slip) road to accommodate the new loop road including the provision of a new bridge and the extension of the existing Grove culvert;
- improvements to the existing A12 eastbound and westbound carriageways and A12 eastbound entry (on-slip) road;
- realignment of the existing M25 northbound on-slip;
- improvements to the existing Junction 28 roundabout, the existing M25 northbound carriageway and the M25 northbound off-slip;
- provision of new gantries over the M25 carriageway;

- alterations of existing private access and egresses and the provision of new private means of access to accommodate the new loop road;
- earthworks including the deposit of surplus construction materials on two identified sites;
- three new attenuation ponds and associated drainage and access roads and a new drainage outfall pipe;
- realignment of the Weald Brook and the Ingrebourne River;
- two new flood compensation areas and the provision of new ecological compensation and mitigation areas and two new environmental ponds;
- diversion of an already underground high pressure gas pipeline and diversion underground of an existing overhead electric line; and
- accommodation works to provide replacement facilities for Maylands Golf Course.

The DCO also includes the necessary rights and powers to ensure the delivery and the operation of the Scheme, including powers of compulsory acquisition.

### **Environmental Impact Assessment**

Due to its nature and size, the Scheme is “EIA development” within the meaning of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the Scheme constitutes development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) is required. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement (“ES”) documenting the findings of the EIA undertaken.

### **Copies of Application Documents**

The application form and all of the accompanying documents, drawings, plans and maps (including the draft DCO and the ES) comprising the Application (“the Application Documents”) can be viewed online, or by downloading them, free of charge, from the Planning Inspectorate’s Project website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m25-junction-28-improvements/>

Given the current COVID-19 pandemic (“coronavirus”), associated Government guidance and in the interests of health and safety, the above described methods of viewing documents are strongly encouraged. A hard copy of the application form and all of the accompanying documents, plans and maps (including the draft DCO and ES) may be inspected free of charge at the venues (“Inspection Locations”) and times set out below. The documents will be available to view from 3 October 2020 until Friday 30 October 2020.

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Opening Hours</b>
<b>Brentwood Library</b> New Road Brentwood CM14 4BP Tel: 0345 603 7628	Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 9.00am to 5.00pm Wednesdays: 9.00am to 1.00pm Sundays: Closed
<b>Chelmsford Library</b> County Hall Market Road Chelmsford CM1 1QH Tel: 0345 603 7628	Monday to Saturday: 9.00am to 5.00pm Sundays: 1.00pm to 4.00pm

The above opening hours are correct at the time of publication. We strongly advise telephoning the relevant Inspection Location in advance for confirmation that they are open as opening times and visiting arrangements may be subject to change by the Inspection Location in response to coronavirus.

Please observe the latest Government guidance and laws in force if planning to visit an Inspection Location. Do not visit an Inspection Location if you are unwell, have symptoms of coronavirus, or have recently been in contact with someone with coronavirus.

Copies of all of the documents can be provided free of charge on a USB stick. Paper copies of the documents can be made available but a charge will need to be made to cover printing, postage and VAT at 20%, up to a maximum of £1,000. To request copies of the documents or for details regarding payment methods please contact Highways England by:

Email: [M25j28@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:M25j28@highwaysengland.co.uk);

Telephone: 0300 123 5000; or

Post: "FREEPOST M25 junction 28 improvement scheme"

### **Making representations about the proposed DCO**

The period for making representations starts on 3 October 2020 and ends on 30 October 2020.

Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State. All 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 instructions provided within the relevant link at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m25-junction-28-improvements/?ipcsection=reprsform>.

The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination (December 2016) provides further guidance on how to register as an interested party and make a relevant representation. This can be accessed via the following link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-2v3.pdf>.

Due to the coronavirus, the Planning Inspectorate may review its procedures, and therefore please monitor that website for updates periodically.

If you require guidance or would like to request a paper copy of the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 5000 or e-mail [M25Junction28@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:M25Junction28@planninginspectorate.gov.uk). Completed forms should then be sent to: The Planning Inspectorate, Major Applications & Plans, 3D, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. The Planning Inspectorate reference for the Application (TR010029) should be quoted in any correspondence. **Representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11.59pm on Friday 30 October 2020.**

Please note representations will be made public and will be subject to the Planning Inspectorate's privacy policy at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/help/privacy-and-cookie/>.

**Highways England**

**30 September 2020**