

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

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

BIRTLEY TO COAL HOUSE

SECTIONS 91 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

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

NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE A1 BIRTLEY TO COAL HOUSE

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010031

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the date, time and location set out below 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 A1 Birtley to Coal House (“the Application”).

The Application was made to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (via the Planning Inspectorate) under sections 14, 22(1)(b), 22(3) and 22(4)(b) of the Planning Act 2008 on 14 August 2019 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 10 September 2019. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number TR010031.

SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

The Application seeks development consent for the A1 Birtley to Coal House in the North-East region, located within the administrative area of the Metropolitan Borough of Gateshead Council (“the Scheme”).

The main aspects of the Scheme comprise:

- The widening of the southbound carriageway from three to four lanes, and widening of the northbound carriageway from two to three lanes (with an additional lane between junctions) between junction 67 (Coal House) and junction 65 (Birtley).
- Changes to signage and road markings on the southbound carriageway between just south of junction 68 (Lobley Hill) and junction 67 (Coal House).

- A replacement bridge structure where the A1 crosses over the East Coast Main Line (ECML), 40 metres to the immediate south of the existing Allerdene Bridge structure, which would tie into the existing carriageways at junction 67 (Coal House) and north of junction 66 (Eighton Lodge).
- Replacement of existing North Dene Footbridge located between junction 66 (Eighton Lodge) and junction 65 (Birtley) to accommodate the widening of the A1.

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 stopping up of lengths of the existing highways in the vicinity of the route

HEARINGS

The Examining Authority’s letter dated 10 December 2019 contains a programme for the examination of the Application, including hearings. The hearing taking place in January 2020 will be held at the date, time and location set out in the table below.

Date	Hearing Type	Time	Place
21 January 2020	Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO	2.00pm	The European Suite Marriott Hotel Marconi Way Metrocentre Gateshead NE11 9XF

The venue 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/a1-birtley-to-coal-house-improvement-scheme/>

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 also be viewed and downloaded online at the Planning Inspectorate's project website (link above).

The Application documents can also be viewed online at the following locations with internet facilities, using the web address above.

Location	Opening Times
Birtley Hub* 16 Harraton Terrace Durham Road Birtley DH3 2QG Tel: 0191 492 0434	Monday 0930 – 1530 Tuesday 0930 – 1530 Wednesday 0930 – 1200 Thursday 0930 – 1530 Friday 0930 – 1530 Saturday Closed Sunday Closed <u>Christmas 2019:</u> Closed 20 December to 6 January.
Gateshead Civic Centre* Regent Street Gateshead NE8 1HH Tel: 0191 433 3000	Monday 0800 – 1730 Tuesday 0800 – 1730 Wednesday 0800 – 1730 Thursday 0800 – 1730 Friday 0800 – 1700 Saturday Closed Sunday Closed <u>Christmas 2019:</u> Closed 24-26 December and 31 December to 1 January.
*There will be no Highways England staff present at the locations listed above. If you have any queries, please see contact details for the Planning Inspectorate or the Highways England A1 Birtley to Coal House Team	

Please note you may need a form of identification to use a computer at these locations.

Venue copying charges may apply.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the Application, the hearings and site visit, 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 A1 Birtley to Coal House 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: a1birtleytocoalhouse@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</p> <p>Phone: 0303 444 5000</p> <p>Website: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a1-birtley-to-coal-house-improvement-scheme/</p> <p>Please quote the Application reference number TR010031 in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this Scheme.</p> <p>Correspondence about this Scheme should be marked FAO Michele Gregory.</p>	<p>Post: Highways England 8 City Walk Leeds LS11 9AT</p> <p>Email: a1birtleytocoalhouse@highwaysengland.co.uk</p> <p>Phone: 0300 470 4580</p> <p>Website: https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a1-birtley-to-coal-house/</p>