



## **NATIONAL HIGHWAYS**

### **A57 LINK ROADS**

#### **SECTIONS 91, 92 AND 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

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

#### **NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED A57 LINK ROADS DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

#### **PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010034**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the date, time and place set out below an Open Floor Hearing will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application made by Highways England for a Development Consent Order ("the DCO") for the A57 Link Roads ("the Application").

The Application was made to the Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate) under sections 14, 22 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 28 June 2021 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 26 July 2021. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number TR010034.

#### **SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME**

The Application seeks development consent for the A57 Link Roads and would authorise the creation of a new bypass between the M67 Junction 4 and A57(T) Mottram Moor and a further bypass between A57(T) Mottram Moor to Woolley Bridge (the "scheme"). The scheme is located within the administrative areas of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (TMBC) (in Greater Manchester) and High Peak Borough Council (in Derbyshire).

The main components of the scheme are:

- A new offline bypass of 1.12 miles (1.8km) of dual carriageway road connecting the M67 Junction 4 to A57(T) Mottram Moor Junction.
- A new offline bypass of 0.81 miles (1.3km) of single carriageway road connecting the A57(T) Mottram Moor to the A57 Woolley Bridge.
- Two new junctions, Mottram Moor Junction and Woolley Bridge Junction and improvement works to the existing M67 Junction 4.
- Five new structures (Old Mill Farm Underpass, Roe Cross Road Overbridge, Mottram Underpass, Carrhouse Lane Underpass, River Etherow Bridge and Roe Cross Road Overbridge).
- One main temporary construction compound area, located on agricultural land to the east of the M67 Junction 4.
- Detrunking, including safety measures from the M67 Junction 4 to Mottram Back Moor Junction, to be agreed with TMBC.
- Safety measures and improvements to the A57 from Mottram Moor Junction to Gun Inn Junction and from Gun Inn Junction to Woolley Bridge Junction, to be agreed with TMBC.

If the DCO is made by the Secretary of State for Transport, it would allow National Highways, 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 in connection with several ancillary matters; for example, the temporary alteration, diversion and restriction of the use of streets; permanent stopping-up and alteration of highways, streets and private means of access; traffic regulation, and the amendment, disapplication and modification of relevant legislation.

## HEARINGS

The Examining Authority's letter dated 19 October 2021 sets the date for an Open Floor Hearing. This meeting will be conducted virtually either over the internet, or by telephone link for anyone without access to the internet, or by teleconference. You will be able to take part at home on the date and time set out in the table below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hearing Type</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Joining Details</b>
Thursday 18 November 2021	Open Floor Hearing	Hearing starts at 10:00  Arrangements Conference from 09:30	Virtually via Microsoft Teams  Join by digital device or telephone using details to be provided by the Planning Inspectorate
Friday 19 November 2021	Open Floor Hearing (reserve day)	As above	As above

If you wish to speak at the Open Floor Hearing, it is important that you confirm your involvement to the Inspectorate by 11.59 pm on Monday 1 November 2021, by emailing: [A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) or calling: 0303 444 5000. In your request you should also include a description of what you would like to make an oral submission about, and confirmation that your oral submission will not repeat information that you made in your Relevant Representation.

The deadline for notification is set out in the Inspectorate's letter issued under Rule 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 and Section 88 of the Act, which is available to view on the project page of the Inspectorate's website.

The Open Floor Hearing will be recorded, and the recording will be published on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

## ARRANGEMENTS CONFERENCE

All participants wishing to speak, will be required to attend an Arrangements Conference before each session of the hearing. This will be held with the Case Team 30 minutes before the start of the session. This gives time for the Case Team to admit everyone to the hearing.

## 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-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme/>

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 National Highways by Email: [A57linkroads@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A57linkroads@highwaysengland.co.uk) or by telephone: 0300 123 5000.

## **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 National Highways A57 Link Roads team using the following contact details:

<b>The Planning Inspectorate</b>
Email: <a href="mailto:A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a> Telephone: 0303 444 5000 Website: <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme/">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme/</a> Post: National Infrastructure Planning Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol, BS1 6PN Please quote the reference number TR010034 in correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate.
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Correspondence for National Highways should be directed to the following email address: <a href="mailto:A57linkroads@highwaysengland.co.uk">A57linkroads@highwaysengland.co.uk</a> or via 0300 123 5000

**28 October 2021**