



## **NATIONAL HIGHWAYS**

### **A57 LINK ROADS**

#### **SECTIONS 91 AND 92 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 dates, times and place set out below, Issue Specific Hearings, and a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application made by National Highways (formerly Highways England for a Development Consent Order (“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 and River Etherow Bridge).
- 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 for ancillary matters including: 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 (ExA)'s letter dated 2 March 2022 sets the dates for the hearings. Due to the lifting of legal restrictions to control COVID-19, the ExA has decided to hold these hearings in person at:

**Atholl and Linlithgow Suites, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Manchester – Piccadilly, One Piccadilly Place, 1 Auburn Street, Manchester, M1 3DG.**

The ExA considers that there remains a need to hold these events in a way that is safe and fair to all and therefore **parties will also be able to participate using Microsoft Teams and by telephone**. A web address and/or telephone number will be provided to allow access to the hearing by a tablet or computer connected to the internet and/or by telephone. More information on how to participate in hearings using Microsoft Teams and by telephone is provided in Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 8.6: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advicenotes/advice-note-8-6-virtual-examination-events/>.

You will be able to take part on the date and time set out in the table below.

| Date                                                                                               | Hearing Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Time                                                                                               |
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| <b>Tuesday 5 April 2022, Wednesday 6 April 2022</b> and, if required, <b>Thursday 7 April 2022</b> | <b>Issue Specific Hearing 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport networks and traffic</li> <li>• Peak District National Park</li> <li>• Water environment, drainage, and flood risk assessment</li> <li>• Air quality</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Other environmental matters</li> </ul>                                                                              | Hearing starts at 10am each day<br><br>Online participants arrangements conference 9.30am each day |
| <b>Wednesday 6 April 2022</b> and, if required, <b>Thursday 7 April 2022</b>                       | <b>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual objections, issues, and voluntary agreements</li> <li>• Whether the rights sought are legitimate, proportionate, and necessary</li> <li>• Crown interests, Statutory Undertakers and Special Category Land issues</li> <li>• Other compulsory acquisition or temporary possession matters</li> </ul> | Hearing starts at 1.30pm<br><br>Online participants arrangements conference 1.00pm                 |

| Date                                                                         | Hearing Type                                                                                                            | Time                                                                           |
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| <b>Wednesday 6 April 2022</b> and, if required, <b>Thursday 7 April 2022</b> | <b>Issue Specific Hearing 4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft Development Consent Order</li> </ul> | Hearing starts at 3.30pm<br>Online participants arrangements conference 3.00pm |

The physical venue has a limited capacity. Priority for attending in person at the physical venue will be given to parties who want to make an oral submission but are not able to attend using Microsoft Teams or by telephone. The ExA emphasises that there will be no difference in the weight to be attached to, or the treatment of, the evidence presented, whether given orally using Microsoft Teams, by telephone, in person at the physical venue, or in writing after the hearings.

Pre-registration for parties wanting to make an oral representation is required for the Planning Inspectorate to provide you with a joining link or telephone number if you attend using Microsoft Teams or telephone and for us to manage arrangements at the physical venue. Pre-registration is also required for any parties wanting to attend in person at the physical venue, due to the limited capacity.

You can register a request to make an oral representation at a hearing. This will need to be submitted to the Case Team by **11.59 pm** on **Wednesday, 23 March 2022** (Deadline 7). Please include a description of what you would like to make an oral submission about; and confirmation that your oral submission will not repeat a submission that you have made previously, either in writing or orally. If you would like to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, then please provide the relevant plot number(s).

Requests can be registered by emailing: [A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk), by post at National Infrastructure Planning Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol, BS1 6PN, quoting reference number TR010034, or by using the “Make a submission” tab on the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a57-link-roads-previously-known-as-trans-pennine-upgrade-programme/>

The agendas for the hearings will set out which parties will be invited to make an oral representation, which parties will be invited to attend using Microsoft Teams or by telephone, and which parties will be invited to attend in person at the physical venue. All parties will have the options of accessing the public livestream and making a written submission and the hearings 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 joining by Teams 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 each session. This gives time for the Case Team to admit everyone to the hearing.

**CANCELLATION OF HEARING** — The COVID-19 situation may change before the hearings are held. If public health concerns result in the ExA deciding not to hold the hearings at the physical venue, then it will only hold the hearings using Microsoft Teams and by telephone. The agendas for the hearings will be published to the National Infrastructure Planning website no later than **Monday, 28 March 2022**.

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

For more information on the 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:

### **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@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:A57LinkRoads@nationalhighways.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:

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| <b>The Planning Inspectorate</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Email: <a href="mailto:A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk">A57LinkRoads@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</a><br>Telephone: 0303 444 5000<br>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><br>Post: National Infrastructure Planning Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol, BS1 6PN<br>Please quote the reference number TR010034 in correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate. |
| <b>National Highways</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Correspondence for National Highways should be directed to the following email address: <a href="mailto:A57LinkRoads@nationalhighways.co.uk">A57LinkRoads@nationalhighways.co.uk</a> or via 0300 123 5000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

**10 March 2022**