



Highways England

Section 56 Planning Act 2008

Regulation 9 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice of Acceptance of an Application for a Development Consent Order

A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling scheme

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport has accepted an application by **Highways England Company Limited** of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application"). The Application was submitted by Highways England to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate ("PINS") on Friday 27 July 2018 and was accepted on Thursday 23 August 2018. The reference number applied to the Application is TR010036.

The DCO would authorise the creation of a high quality dual carriageway between Sparkford and Ilchester. The proposed development ("the scheme") in summary involves:

- Construction of a new dual carriageway that follows the existing A303 from east of Podimore Roundabout to Downhead. At this point the road moves north before reverting to follow the route of the existing A303 in the direction of Hazlegrove.
- Retention of some existing sections of the A303 as a parallel road to provide local travel connectivity.
- Provision of a new junction allowing local traffic access to the new dual carriageway in the vicinity of Downhead.
- Provision of a new junction allowing local traffic access to the new dual carriageway in the vicinity of Hazlegrove.

The DCO would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation and maintenance of the scheme.

The DCO would make provisions in connection with several ancillary matters, including: carrying out civil engineering or other works; the temporary stopping up of lengths of existing highways in the vicinity of the route; the classification of highways including the trunking of sections of highway; the specification of the classes of traffic authorised to use a highway; and, the appropriation of a highway for which the person proposing to construct or improve a highway is the highway authority.

The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (“EIA development”) as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Copies of the application form and accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environment Statement, are available for inspection free of charge from Thursday 13 September 2018 until Friday 19 October 2018 at the following location and times:

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Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford, Yeovil BA22 7LH	Monday to Sunday 9.30am to 5.30pm														

Copies of the Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary are available to take away, free of charge, from this location, or can be obtained by contacting the project team using the contact details at the end of this notice.

The application form and the accompanying documents, plans and Environmental Statement can also be viewed online at the National Infrastructure website for the Application: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-sparkford-to-ilchester-dualling/>

On request, a CD / DVD / USB containing these documents will be provided free of charge using the contact details at the end of this notice. If you do not have access to a computer a printed copy of these documents can be sent to you if requested. A charge of £615 + VAT will be made for each copy provided.

Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (including giving notice of any interest in the Application or the land affected by it, or making any comment on or objection to the Application). Any representation relating to the Application must be submitted on a registration form and give the grounds on which it is made. PINS have issued detailed advice on registering as an interested party and making a relevant representation, to which you are advised to have regard. This advice notice (8.2 – How to Register to Participate in an Examination) can be found at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/> .

The Registration and Relevant Representation form will be made available by PINS on the relevant page for the Application via the National Infrastructure website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-sparkford-to-ilchester-dualling/>.

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the form by telephoning **0303 444 5000** quoting the name of the Application and PINS reference TR010036. A completed hard copy form to be submitted to PINS should be sent to:

The Planning Inspectorate
Major Applications & Plans
3D
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
BRISTOL
BS1 6PN

Please quote reference number TR010036 in all correspondence with PINS about this Application.

Representations can be made from Thursday 13 September 2018 and must be received by PINS no later than Friday 19 October 2018.

Please note that all representations submitted to PINS will be published on the National Infrastructure website for the Application.

Further information about the Application may be obtained from Highways England as follows:

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