



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

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme Development Consent Order

SECTION 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

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

NOTICE OF OPEN FLOOR HEARING RELATING TO THE A303 SPARKFORD TO ILCHESTER DUALLING SCHEME

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010036

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the date, time and location set out below, an open floor 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 A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme ("the Application").

The Application was made to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (via the Planning Inspectorate) under sections 22 and 37(2) of the Planning Act 2008 on 27 July 2018 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 23 August 2018. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number TR010036.

SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

The Application seeks development consent for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme in the south west region, located within the administrative area of Somerset County and the district of South Somerset.

The main aspects of the scheme comprise:

- The provision of 5.6 kilometres of new dual carriageway, including a parking layby.
- A new junction at Camel Cross.
- A new junction at Downhead.
- A new junction at Hazlegrove.
- The retention of a substantial amount of the existing A303 single carriageway as a local access road.
- The closure of a number of local roads.
- The provision of new local roads.
- The closure of a number of public rights of way.
- The creation of new rights of way, including paved verges alongside local roads.

- A new overbridge between Downhead and Canegore Corner (Stear Hill Overbridge).
- A new underbridge at Hazlegrove (Hazlegrove Junction Underbridge).
- The provision of road lighting.
- The provision of road markings on new carriageway and new traffic signs.
- The provision of new road restraint systems.
- Earthworks, in order to establish the road foundation (including cuttings and embankments) and also to provide visual screening and noise attenuation.
- The provision of drainage systems to drain proposed carriageways and adjacent land.
- The provision of noise attenuation fencing.
- Boundary treatments such as boundary fencing, hedgerow planting and perimeter drainage ditches.
- Technology installations including emergency roadside telephones (ERTs) and traffic monitoring installations.
- Diversionary and protection works to public utilities including telephone, fibre-optics, electricity, water supply and drainage.
- The environmental design including planting and areas allocated for ecological mitigation.

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 construction of an accommodation track for Blackwell Farm, reptile mitigation at Downhead, and the construction of a hibernacula at Hazlegrove.

OPEN FLOOR HEARING

The open floor hearing will be held at the following date, time and location.

| Date | Hearing Type | Time | Place |
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| Wednesday 12 December 2018 | Open floor hearing | Starting at 14:00 (seating available from 13:30) | South Somerset District Council, The Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2HT |

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/south-west/a303-sparkford-to-ilchester-dualling/?ipcsection=overview>

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/south-west/a303-sparkford-to-ilchester-dualling/?ipcsection=overview>

Full copies of the Application documents can be viewed at the following public locations:

| Location | Opening Times |
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| Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford, Yeovil, BA33 7LH | 2 March to 28 October, Monday – Sunday, 09:30 – 17:30. 29 October to 1 March, Monday – Sunday, 09:30 – 16:30. |
| Yeovil Library, King George Street, Yeovil, BA20 1PY | Monday, Wednesday and Friday 09:30 – 17:30 Tuesday and Thursday 09:30 – 18:00 Saturday 09:30 – 16:00 |

Venue copying charges will apply.

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

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’s A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Project Team using the following contact details:

| The Planning Inspectorate | Highways England |
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| <p>Post: The Planning Inspectorate National Infrastructure 3D Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS1 6PN</p> <p>Email: A303SparkfordtolIlchester@pins.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>Phone: 0303 444 5000</p> <p>Website: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-sparkford-to-ilchester-dualling/?ipcsection=overview</p> <p>Please quote the Application reference number TR010036 in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this scheme. Correspondence about this scheme should be marked FAO the Case Manager.</p> | <p>Post: Highways England Temple Quay House 2 The Square Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6HA</p> <p>Email: A303SparkfordtolIlchesterDualling@highwaysengland.co.uk</p> <p>Phone: 0300 123 5000</p> <p>Website: https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a303-sparkford-to-ilchester/</p> |