

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

The A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Order

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State 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 (“the Inspectorate”) on 15 March 2021 and was accepted for examination on 12 April 2021. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is **TR010038**.

Summary of the Application

The DCO would authorise the alteration of a section of the A47 in Norfolk between North Tuddenham and Easton (the Scheme). The Scheme comprises in summary:

- 9km of new dual carriageway, running to the south of the existing A47 at Hockering and north of the existing A47 at Honingham
- two new junctions where the A47 passes over the local roads: one where Berrys Lane meets Wood Lane (Wood Lane junction) and one where Blind Lane meets Taverham Road (Norwich Road junction)
- removal of the existing roundabout at Easton to create a free-flowing road
- building four bridges for the A47 to pass over or under: the new Mattishall Lane Link Road, the proposed Wood Lane junction, the River Tud and the proposed Norwich Road junction
- Sandy Lane connecting to the A47 via a new side road providing access to Wood Lane junction
- two new lay-bys on the A47, between Fox Lane and the proposed Wood Lane junction, and police observation points
- closure to through traffic of: Church Lane (East Tuddenham), Berrys Lane, Blind Lane and Church Lane (Easton), north the of A47
- widening of the junction of Rotten Row and Church Lane (East Tuddenham)
- converting sections of the existing A47 for local needs, such as
 - converting to a Class B road north of Honingham, with a new cycle track between the new Dereham Road link road and Honingham roundabout

- reducing to a single lane in front of St Andrew's church, Honingham, with inclusion of passing places, parking places, turning area and security gate
- alterations to existing public rights of way and provision of new segregated routes for walkers and cyclists, including:
 - a new route for walkers and cyclists linking Honingham with St Andrew's Church below the A47 via the proposed Honingham church underpass
 - a new route for walkers and cyclists linking Easton with Lower Easton over the A47 via the proposed Easton footbridge
- new drainage systems, including:
 - new outfalls to the River Tud
 - dry culverts to maintain overland flow paths
 - new attenuation basins, with pollution control devices, to control discharges to local watercourses
- compounds, material storage areas and temporary vehicle parking located within the scheme boundary when construction is taking place
- diverting or installing new utilities infrastructure, such as a high-pressure gas pipeline, electricity cables, water pipelines and electronic communications cables
- environmental measures embedded into the Scheme design to reduce the environmental effects and deliver wider benefits, such as noise barriers, low noise road surface on the A47, permanent mammal crossings and new wetland habitats
- temporary closure of access (exit and entry) to Honingham Lane at the junction with Taverham Road, Weston Road and Telegraph Hill

A map showing the location and route of the proposed development (The Location Plan) forms a part of the Application and can be viewed via the following web link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010038/TR010038-000217-2.1%20Location%20Plan.pdf>.

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 the temporary stopping up of lengths of existing highways in the vicinity of the route and the reclassification of highways.

Environmental Impact Assessment

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 Application Documents

The Application form and the accompanying documents, plans and Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton project page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton/?ipcsection=docs&stage=app>

The Application documents will remain on the website for the duration of the registration and relevant representation period.

An electronic copy of the application documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. Please contact Highways England using the contact details at the end of this notice.

A paper copy of the Application documents can also be supplied, but there will be a reasonable charge for paper copies of Application documents to cover the cost of printing and postage up to a charge of £2110 for a full copy of the Application.

Making representations on the Application

The period for making representations starts on Friday 7 May 2021 and will end at 11.59pm on Thursday 17 June 2021.

Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (i.e.: giving notice of any interest in 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. The Inspectorate has issued detailed advice on registering as an interested party and making a relevant representation, to which you are advised to have regard. This Advice Note (8.2 – How to Register to Participate in an Examination) is published on the National Infrastructure Planning website under 'Legislation and Advice' and 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 the Inspectorate once the registration and representation period has opened (Friday 7 May 2021) on the A47 North Tuddenham to Easton project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-north-tuddenham-to-easton/?ipcsection=overview>. The form will remain available until shortly after the deadline for representations has passed.

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the Registration and Relevant Representation form by telephoning **0303 444 5000** quoting the name of the Application and the Inspectorate's reference number **TR010038**. A completed hard copy form should be submitted to the Inspectorate and sent by post or email to:

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

Email: A47NorthTuddenhamtoEaston@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Please quote reference number **TR010038** in all correspondence with the Inspectorate about this Application.

Any relevant representation must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11.59pm on Thursday 17 June 2021.

Please be aware that the Planning Inspectorate is required by law to make the information that you provide in any representation publicly available, and will publish it on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application.

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

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