



## Highways England

### Section 56 Planning Act 2008

#### Regulation 8 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

#### Regulation 16 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

#### Notice of Acceptance of an Application for a Development Consent Order The A47 Blofield to North Burlingham 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 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and was accepted for examination on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is **TR010040**.

#### Summary of the Application

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

- 2.6km of dual carriageway on the A47
- de-trunking of the existing A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham
- improvements at Yarmouth Road Junction, including closure of the central reserve, closure of High Noon Lane direct access, merge lane, realignment of Waterlow, and local access improvements at the Sparrow Hall properties
- introduction of a compact grade separated junction at the B1140 Junction, including the B1140 Overbridge
- a new overbridge at Blofield traversing the proposed A47 dual carriageway, connecting Yarmouth Road with the existing A47
- provision of new drainage systems including an infiltration basin and retention of existing drainage systems where possible
- a retaining wall in the western extents
- introduction of lighting at the Yarmouth Road Junction and new lighting layout at the B1140 Junction
- closure of an existing layby and provision of a new layby

- walking and cycling routes connecting Blofield and North Burlingham via the Blofield Overbridge to the west and the B1140 Overbridge to the east
- provision of North Burlingham Access
- an agricultural access track
- fencing, safety barriers and signage
- environmental mitigation
- diversions of a medium pressure gas main and other utilities

A map showing the location and route of the proposed development forms a part of the application (The Location Plan) and can be viewed via the following web link: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010040/TR010040-000087-2.1%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 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 Blofield to North Burlingham project page of the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/?ipcsection=docs>. The application documents will remain on the website for the duration of the registration / 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 £2300.

## Making representations on the Application

The period for making representations starts on 25<sup>th</sup> February and will end at 11.59pm on 6<sup>th</sup> April 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 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 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 / representation period has opened on the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/?ipcsection=overview>.

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the Registration / Relevant Representation form by telephoning **0303 444 5000** quoting the name of the Application and the Inspectorate's reference number **TR010040**. A completed hard copy form to be submitted to the Inspectorate should be sent by post or email to:

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

Email: [A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlingham@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A47BlofieldtoNorthBurlingham@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

Please quote reference number **TR010040** in all correspondence with the Inspectorate about this Application.

**Any relevant representation must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11.59pm on 6<sup>th</sup> April 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 published 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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