



Application for Development Consent for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects under the Planning Act 2008

* required information

Application Form

Please read guidance documents relating to the submission of applications prior to completing this form including [government guidance](#) and the Planning Inspectorate's [Advice Note Six: Preparation and submission of application documents](#).

* Do you have a reference number?

Yes No

* Reference number

1. Applicant ?

* Organisation

Address

* Building number or name

* Street

* City or town

County or administrative area

* Postcode

* Country

* Name of contact

* Telephone number

Fax number

* Email

2. Agent ?

* Are you an agent acting on behalf of the Applicant?

Yes No

3. Fee ?

* State the arrangement for the application fee payment:

BACS CHAPS Cheque

* Please provide payment reference details

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4. Confirming why the Planning Inspectorate should receive the application



* Brief statement to explain why this application is, or is to be treated as, a development for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008

The A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements (the Scheme) has been defined as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as it consists of the construction of a highway under sections 14(1)(h) and s22(1)(a) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended by the Highway and Railway (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project) Order 2013) by virtue of the fact that:

- a. it comprises construction of a highway
- b. the highway to be constructed is wholly in England
- c. Highways England will be the highway authority for the highway
- d. the area of development is greater than 12.5 hectares for the new road which will have a speed limit of 50 miles per hour or greater.

The Scheme also includes the diversion of a high-pressure gas pipeline which will be treated as an NSIP if it meets the thresholds as set out in section 20 of the PA 2008. The relevant thresholds are:

- a. the construction of a gas pipeline by a gas transporter
- b. wholly in England
- c. that is likely to have a significant effect on the environment
- d. that will have a design operating pressure of more than 7 bar gauge
- e. when constructed, will convey gas for the supply (directly or indirectly) to at least 50,000 customers, or potential customers, of one or more gas suppliers

In accordance with the PA 2008, a Development Consent Order (DCO) is therefore required to allow the construction and operation of the Scheme. Further details relating to the Scheme's qualification as an NSIP can be found in the Explanatory Memorandum to the Draft DCO [TR010044/APP/3.2].

5. Non-technical description of the Proposed Development



* Brief non-technical description of the Proposed Development

The purpose of the Scheme is to address the problems of congestion, poor journey time reliability and poor resilience against incidents between the Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet roundabouts. The Scheme seeks to address these problems through construction of a new 10 mile (16km) dual 2-lane carriageway from the Black Cat roundabout to Caxton Gibbet roundabout, to be known as the A421, and in addition approximately 1.8 miles (3km) of tie-in works.

6. Location or route of the Proposed Development



* Description of location of application site(s), or route of development (reference to appropriate plans)

The proposed development is in the East of England region and is located within the administrative areas of Cambridgeshire County Council, Bedford Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire Council. The application site and proposed Scheme would also pass through the administrative areas of Huntingdonshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The proposed project is a linear development extending from just west of the existing Black Cat Roundabout (approx. Ordnance Survey Grid Ref: -514826, 254745) through to just east of the existing Caxton Gibbet Roundabout (approx. Ordnance Survey Grid Ref: -530511, 260720).

The location of the application site is shown on the Location Plan [TR010044/APP/2.1] and the route of the development is shown on the Works Plans [TR010044/APP/2.3]. A detailed description of the location and the route of the scheme is provided in Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement [TR010044/APP/6.1].

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* Is the site a single site or a linear site?

Single site Linear site

Start grid reference

* Easting

* Northing

Middle grid reference

* Easting

* Northing

End grid reference

* Easting

* Northing

* Document reference

7. Associated Development ?

* Associated Development is included within this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

8. a) Consultation Report ?

* Document reference

8. b) Copies of newspaper notices ?

* Document reference

* Document reference

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9. Draft Development Consent Order



* Document reference

10. Explanatory Memorandum



* Document reference

11. Land Plan



* Document reference

12. Works Plan



* Document reference

13. Compulsory Acquisition of land or an interest in land or right over land



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

Statement of reasons document reference

Funding statement document reference

Book of Reference document reference

14. a) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)



* Environmental Statement (ES) required:

Yes No

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* ES Document Reference

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14. b) Screening Opinion/ Direction and Scoping Opinion/ Direction ?

* Screening Opinion sought, or direction received:

Yes No

* Scoping Opinion sought:

Yes No

Document reference

14. c) Publicity required under Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 11 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009) ?

In addition to publishing the notice, a copy of the notice was sent to:

* the consultation bodies

* Yes

* the persons notified to the Applicant in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (or where the transitional provisions apply, Regulation 9(1)(c) of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009):

Yes No, not applicable

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15. European sites (to which Regulation 63 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of the Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 applies) or a Ramsar site.



* Report required for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

16. A plan, with accompanying information, identifying any statutory or non statutory sites or features of nature conservation, geological or landscape importance; habitats of protected species, important habitats or other diversity features; and water bodies in a River Basin Management Plan - together with an assessment of any effects likely to be caused by the Proposed Development.



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

17. A plan, with accompanying information, identifying any statutory or non statutory sites or features of the historic environment such as scheduled monuments, World Heritage sites, listed buildings and other historic structures, archaeological sites and registered battlefields, together with an assessment of any effects likely to be caused by the Proposed Development



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

18. Flood Risk Assessment



* Flood Risk Assessment required:

Yes No

* Document reference

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19. Matters set out in section 79(1) (statutory nuisances etc) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990



* Statement required for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

20. A plan with any accompanying information identifying any Crown land



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

21. A plan identifying new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets or any diversions, extinguishments or creation or rights of way or public rights of navigation



* Issues are relevant for this application:

Yes No

* Document reference

22. Additional information for specific types of infrastructure



* Additional information is required to be submitted in accordance with Regulation 6 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009:

Yes No

* Provide a brief description

The Scheme is Highway-related development and therefore falls within the requirements of Regulation 6 (2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) (APFP) Regulations 2009. The application is therefore accompanied by Engineering Section Drawings [TR010044/APP/2.10] which include details of drainage outfalls and drainage and surface water management layout plans.

Under Regulation 6(4) of the APFP Regulations, an application for the construction of a pipeline must be accompanied by details set out in subsections (a) to (g); this can be found in the Pipeline Statement [TR010044/APP/7.8].

* Document reference

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TR010044/APP/7.8 - Pipeline Statement

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Regulation 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 requires additional information to be submitted with the following types of development.

* Please check any of the following boxes that apply:

- Construction or extension of a non offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1a))
- Construction or extension of an offshore generating station (Reg. 6 (1b))
- Highway related development (Reg. 6 (2) (part 1))
- Construction or alteration of a railway (Reg. 6 (2) (part 2))
- Construction or alteration of harbour facilities (Reg. 6 (3))
- Construction of a pipeline (Reg. 6 (4))
- Construction or alteration of a hazardous waste facility (Reg. 6 (5))
- Construction of a dam or reservoir (Reg. 6 (6))

Highway related development (Reg. 6 (2) (part 1))

Ensure section drawings have been included as part of this application, with suitable horizontal and vertical scales, which show the levels, proposed works including in particular and where relevant by reference to Ordnance Survey or Chart datum

* Document reference

TR010044/APP/2.10 - Engineering Section Drawings

Add another reference

Provide the levels of the proposed works, in particular and where relevant:

* Ground levels

Please see Engineering Section Drawings [TR010044/APP/2.10]

* The height of every proposed bridge, viaduct, aqueduct, embankment and elevated guide way

Please see Engineering Section Drawings [TR010044/APP/2.10]

* The depth of every proposed cutting and tunnel

Please see Engineering Section Drawings [TR010044/APP/2.10]

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* The levels of the bed of any tidal waters or inland waterway in which it is proposed that any works should be situated

Not applicable

* The height of every structure or device intended to be erected above, on or below the surface of, or on or beneath the bed of tidal waters or inland waterway

Not applicable

* Drainage outfall details for highways

Please see:
Engineering Section Drawings [TR010044/APP/2.10]
General Arrangement Plans [TR010044/APP/2.4]

Provide a cross section of every intended tunnel and any altered gradient of a carriageway or a way forming part of a guided transport system on either side of every level crossing, bridge tunnel or underpass which would carry the carriageway or way or through which it would pass

* Document reference

Construction of a pipeline (Reg. 6 (4))

Enter details of the name of the proposed pipeline

* Name

* Owner

* Start point

* End point

* Length (in kilometres)

* External diameter (in mm)

* What will be conveyed by the proposed pipeline

Natural gas is currently being conveyed by the Girtford to Horsey Lock pipeline and natural gas will continue to be conveyed following the proposed diversion.

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* State whether the grant of any rights in land or consents to road or river crossing works are required:

Yes No

23. Any other plans, drawings and sections necessary to describe the proposal for which development consent is sought, and any other documents, reports or information to support the application



Provide a brief description of any other plans, drawings and sections that are being submitted with this application

Location Plan [TR010044/APP/2.1]
General Arrangement Plans [TR010044/APP/2.4]
De-trunking Plans [TR010044/APP/2.5]
Traffic Regulation Measures Plans [TR010044/APP/2.7]
Permanent Speed Limit Plans [TR010044/APP/2.8]
Classification of Roads Plans [TR010044/APP/2.9]
Demolition Plans [TR010044/APP/2.12]

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Provide a brief description of any other documents considered necessary to support the application

Cover Letter and Schedule of Compliance with Section 55 [TR010044/APP/1.1]

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Introduction to the Application [TR010044/APP/1.2]
Application Index [TR010044/APP/1.4]
Guide to Documents to be Certified [TR010044/APP/1.5]
Consents and Agreements Position Statement [TR010044/APP/3.3]
Schedule of Mitigation [TR010044/APP/6.9]
Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [TR010044/APP/6.12]
Biodiversity Pre-Commencement Plan [TR010044/APP/6.13]
Case for the Scheme [TR010044/APP/7.1]
Transport Assessment [TR010044/APP/7.2]
Transport Assessment Annex [TR010044/APP/7.3]
Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [TR010044/APP/7.4]
Equality Impact Assessment [TR010044/APP/7.5]
Borrow Pits Optioneering Report [TR010044/APP/7.6]
Black Cat Junction Design Options [TR010044/APP/7.7]
Pipeline Statement [TR010044/APP/7.8]
Sensitivity Test using the 2020 Traffic Uncertainty Log Data [TR010044/APP/7.9]
Combined Appraisal and Modelling Report [TR010044/APP/7.10]
Strategy for Dealing with the Uncertain Outcomes Arising from COVID-19 [TR010044/APP/7.11]

Document reference	TR010044/APP/1.1 - Cover Letter and Schedule of Compliance with Section 55
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Document reference	TR010044/APP/1.4 - Application Index
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Document reference	TR010044/APP/1.5 - Guide to Documents to be Certified
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Document reference	TR010044/APP/3.3 - Consents and Agreements Position Statement
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Document reference	TR010044/APP/7.1 - Case for the Scheme
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Document reference	TR010044/APP/7.2 - Transport Assessment
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Document reference	TR010044/APP/6.12 - Archaeological Mitigation Strategy
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Document reference	TR010044/APP/Biodiversity Pro-Commencement Plan
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Provide a brief description of any other information provided that is in support of the application, but which has not been explicitly required

Not applicable

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24. Other consents/ licences required under other legislation ?

* Other consents/ licences are required:

- Yes No

* Provide a list of consents/licences

As set out in the Consents and Agreements Position Statement [TR010044/APP/3.3], there are a number of other consents, permits and agreements that the Applicant may have to seek separately from the DCO. These are:

- a. Badgers - A licence under section 10 of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992
- b. Bats - European Protected Species Licence under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017; Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
- c. Great Crested Newts – District Level Licensing Schemes - Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017
- d. Full Water Abstraction Licence under section 24 of the Water Resources Act 1991
- e. Temporary Water Abstraction Licence under section 24 of the Water Resources Act 1991
- f. Water Transfer Licences under Section 24 of the Water Resources Act 1991
- g. Water Impoundment Licence under Section 25 of the Water Resources Act 1991
- h. Water Activity Permit under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016
- i. Flood Risk Activity Permit under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016
- j. Approvals from the Bedfordshire and River Ivel Internal Drainage Board under the Bedfordshire and River Ivel Internal Drainage Board Byelaws 1985 (Land Drainage Byelaw consents)
- k. Approvals from the Central Bedfordshire Council Drainage Board under the Central Bedfordshire Council Land Drainage Byelaws 2016 (Land Drainage Byelaw consents)
- l. Land Drainage Consent under Section 23 of the Land Drainage Act 1991
- m. Trade Effluent Consent under the Water Industry Act 1991
- n. A licence may be required for any work with asbestos under the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012
- o. Section 61 consents under the Control of Pollution Act (1974) if requested by the Local Authority
- p. Waste exemptions for waste operations such as U1 (use of waste in construction) and T15 (treating waste aerosol cans) (if exemption limits can be met) (Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999, Environmental

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Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016)

q. Environmental Permit for waste operations (Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999, Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016) (may be required if the borrow pits cannot be restored under the CL:AIRE Code of Practice)

r. A mobile plant permit under the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999, Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

s. CL:AIRE Materials Management Plan, CL:AIRE (2011) Definition of Waste: Development Industry Code of Practice (v.2) (DoWCoP)

t. Section 80 notice under the Building Act 1984 and Building Regulation compliance

u. Felling Licence - The Forestry Act 1967

You must cite the document references as appropriate

* Document reference

TR010044/APP/3.3 - Consents and Agreements Position Statement

Add another reference

25. Declaration ?

I declare to the best of my knowledge that the information given in this form and enclosed maps, plans and other documents are true.

Please note there is a requirement for one hard copy of the form to be signed. Please ensure that when you submit you include at least one signed copy. Further copies do not require the hand written signature.

Signature

(For and on behalf of the Applicant) / /

* Name

ANNE-MARIE ROGERS

(In block letters)

* Date

26 / 02 / 2021
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* Organisation

Highways England

* Position within the organisation

Senior Project Manager for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements