

Department for Transport

**THE M3 JUNCTION 9 IMPROVEMENTS DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER
2024**

**THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

**NOTICE OF A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR EIA DEVELOPMENT**

The Secretary of State for Transport (“the Secretary of State”) gives notice under regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that a determination has been made on an application made by National Highways (“the Applicant”) for development consent under the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) for Environmental Impact Assessment development.

The Order grants development consent to the improvements to Junction 9 of the M3. This junction is the principal motorway access to the City of Winchester and is also at the Western entrance to the South Downs National Park (SDNP). The improvements include widening of the M3 from a dual two-lane motorway to a four-lane motorway between the proposed M3 Junction 9 gyratory north and south slip roads. The Secretary of State has determined, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority which conducted an examination into the Application, that development consent should be granted and has decided, therefore, to make an Order under section 114, 115 and 120 of the 2008 Act.

The statement of reasons for deciding to make an Order granting development consent, which has been prepared by the Secretary of State under section 116 of the 2008 Act and regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, containing the content of the decision, the requirements imposed in connection with the development, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based including relevant information about the participation of the public, a description of the main features to avoid, reduce and offset any major adverse effects of the development and information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so, is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s web-site at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/m3-junction-9-improvement/>

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