

Department for Transport

THE A417 MISSING LINK DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2022

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 for a new 3.4 mile all- purpose dual carriageway for the A417. It would connect the existing A417 Brockworth bypass with the existing dual carriageway A417 south of Cowley. It would create three new junctions at Ullenwood, Shab Hill and Cowley Roundabout, divert the Cotswold National Trail via a new footbridge, divert the Gloucestershire Way long distance footpath via a new wildlife crossing bridge and the construction of overbridges at Cowley and Stockwell.

The Secretary of State has determined, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority who 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 the Secretary of State’s decision 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 is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s web-site at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a417-missing-link/>

The statement of reasons also contains the information required by regulation 30(2) of the 2017 Regulations including information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so.

Hard copies of the decision documentation will also be available to inspect at the Planning Inspectorate’s offices (by appointment using the contact details below).

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