



Our ref: TR010059

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14 September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

**A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 56: NOTIFYING PERSONS OF ACCEPTED
APPLICATION
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND
PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009: REGULATION 9**

I am writing regarding the proposed A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham (the "Scheme") which proposes to widen the A1 in two sections as follows; A1 Morpeth to Felton (Part A) and A1 Alnwick to Ellingham (Part B).

Highways England is seeking development consent for the Scheme under the Planning Act 2008 (the "2008 Act"). This legislation requires Highways England to make an application to the Planning Inspectorate (the "Inspectorate") for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to get the consent we need to build the Scheme.

Highways England submitted its application for a DCO on 7 July 2020. This application was accepted for examination by the Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 4 August 2020. Highways England is writing to you because it is required to notify you of an accepted application.

In accordance with the 2008 Act, please find enclosed with this letter:

- A copy of a section 56 notice, providing formal notification of acceptance of the application

Further information regarding the availability of the DCO application documents and where you can view them is included in the enclosed section 56 notice.

Any person may make representations on the application to the Secretary of State (that is: giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application). Details of the way in which representations must be made are included in the enclosed section 56 notice.

Representations must be received by the Inspectorate no later than 30 October 2020

Please note that any submitted representations to the Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application.

For further information about the Application, please contact us using the following details:

- **Email:** a1inNorthumberland@highwaysengland.co.uk
- **Telephone:** 0300 470 4580

Yours sincerely,



Mark Stoneman
Project Manager



Highways England

Section 56 Planning Act 2008

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

Notice of Acceptance of an Application for a Development Consent Order

A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport 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 7 July 2020 and was accepted on 4 August 2020. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is **TR010059**.

The DCO would authorise the improvements of the A1 between Morpeth and Ellingham (the "Scheme"). The Scheme consists of two Parts known as "Part A" (Morpeth to Felton) and "Part B" (Alnwick to Ellingham). The proposed development in summary involves:

- The upgrade of eight miles of the A1 to dual carriageway between Morpeth and Felton including construction of a new dual carriageway bypassing the existing A1 between Priests Bridge and Burgham Park;
- The upgrade of five miles of the existing A1 to dual carriageway between Alnwick and Ellingham;
- Four new split-level junctions to be constructed at Highlaws, Fenrother, West Moor and Charlton Mires;
- Construction of a new bridge where the A1 cross over the River Coquet parallel to the existing bridge; and
- Construction of a new accommodation bridge at Heckley Fence.

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.

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.

The application form and accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement can be viewed electronically and free of charge on the Scheme page of the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning website <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a1-in-northumberland-morpeth-to-ellingham/> and can be viewed electronically using the link above from **17 September 2020 to 30 October 2020** at the following location:

Location	Opening Hours
Morpeth Library Royal Sovereign House Manchester St Morpeth NE61 1AF	Monday 10:00 – 16:00 Tuesday 10:00 – 16:00 Wednesday 10:00 – 16:00 Thursday 10:00 – 16:00 Friday 10:00 – 16:00
Telephone: 01670 620391	Saturday Closed Sunday Closed

Please contact Morpeth Library to arrange an appointment for computer access to view the documents electronically. Please respect social distancing rules in place at Morpeth Library. More information regarding the current Covid-19 restrictions in place at Morpeth Library can be found at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Home.aspx>

On request, a CD/DVD/USB containing these documents can be provided free of charge, please contact the Highways England via email at:

a1inNorthumberland@highwaysengland.co.uk

Please state whether you would like to receive copies of the suite of application documents or individual documents, whilst it is preferable to send these documents on a CD/DVD/USB hard copies of the documents are also available, and these can be obtained free of charge.

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 relevant page for the Application via the National Infrastructure Planning website <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a1-in-northumberland-morpeth-to-ellingham/>

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the form by telephoning **0303 444 5000** quoting the name of the Application and the Inspectorate's reference number **TR010059**.

Please quote reference number **TR010059** in all correspondence with the Inspectorate about this Application.

The period during which you can submit a Relevant Representation to the Inspectorate begins the calendar day after the date this Section 56 Notice is first published, which is **17 September 2020**, and will end on **30 October 2020**. Please note that any submitted representations to the Inspectorate will be published 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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