

**From:** A1inNorthumberland <A1inNorthumberland@highwaysengland.co.uk>  
**Sent:** 16 April 2020 15:07  
**Subject:** A1 in Northumberland: A1 Morpeth to Ellingham. STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Unfortunately, the link to our scheme webpage in the email we sent you yesterday was incorrect. This has now been corrected in the below email. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Stoneman  
Project Manager

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Dear Sir / Madam,

**A1 in Northumberland: A1 Morpeth to Ellingham  
STATUTORY CONSULTATION – 16 April 2020 to 14 May 2020  
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 42: DUTY TO CONSULT ON A PROPOSED  
APPLICATION**

I am emailing you regarding Highways England's proposed A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham which will upgrade the A1 to dual carriageway between Morpeth and Felton and Alnwick to Ellingham.

Highways England previously promoted the A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Felton and A1 in Northumberland: Alnwick to Ellingham as two separate schemes and proposed to submit a separate application for development consent in relation to each. However, an opportunity to combine the schemes to form the A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham has been identified along with a number of benefits to this approach including one single application for development consent covering both parts.

We previously consulted you on the proposals for A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Felton between 18 June 2018 and 29 July 2018; and on the proposals for the A1 in Northumberland: Alnwick to Ellingham between 25 February 2019 and 8 April 2019.

Although the detail of the separate schemes has not changed in combining to form the A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham we have a duty under the Planning Act 2008 to consult you about the proposed single application for development consent.

This email is notice of Highways England's **statutory consultation from 16 April 2020 to 14 May 2020.**

This statutory consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on our proposals. We strongly encourage you to provide your views to us now through this statutory consultation. This will enable us to take your views into account in developing and refining our proposals before submitting our application to the Inspectorate proposed in late Spring 2020.

As the Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) we have prepared, and provided, a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) to help you understand the likely effects of our proposals. A copy of the A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) can be found on the <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/morpeth-to-ellingham-dualling/>. You will also be able to find a copy of the plans.

Any responses to this consultation in respect of the Scheme should be sent to the following:

- **By email:** [alex.sharp@wsp.com](mailto:alex.sharp@wsp.com)
- **By phone:** 020 3057 2118
- **By post:** FREEPOST WSP A1iN

To allow us time to collect and assess all responses to this consultation before finalising our application, please ensure your response reaches us by 11.59pm on **14 May 2020**

Further information about the 2008 Act process and Development Consent Orders can be found on the Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Should you have any queries about this correspondence, the Scheme or the consultation, you can contact us using the details set out above.

Yours sincerely,

**Mark Stoneman**  
Project Manager

**Section 48 Planning Act 2008**

**Regulation 4 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009**

**A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham**

**Notice Publicising a Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order**

**HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED** of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ (the “Applicant”) proposes to make an application (the “Application”) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order.

The Application is for the proposed A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Ellingham (the “Scheme”) and was formerly promoted as the A1 in Northumberland: Morpeth to Felton and the A1 in Northumberland: Alnwick to Ellingham schemes.

The Scheme’s main proposals in summary are:

- 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;
- Construction of a new accommodation bridge at Heckley Fence; and
- In addition, any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure delivery of the Scheme, including compulsory acquisition.

The Scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (“EIA development”), as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the Application. Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) forms part of the consultation material.

**Please note the arrangements made for this consultation have been prepared in light of Government advice about public health risk during the corona virus (covid-19) outbreak. Details are set out below.**

Consultation on the proposals will take place from **16 April 2020 to 14 May 2020**. Copies of documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development will also be available for inspection free of charge at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/programmes/a1-in-northumberland/> and **it is recommended that consultees view documents online in order to follow current government measures to limit the spread of coronavirus**. Where it is not possible to access the online documents, hard copies can be requested via telephone or email by contacting Alex Sharp on 020 3057 2118 (Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm) or alex.sharp@wsp.com.

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It is a requirement of the Planning Act 2008 that copies of the documents, plans and maps, should also be available for inspection free of charge at a public location, and in this case to take away, from that location between **16 April 2020** and **14 May 2020**.

**However, it is recommended that current government advice is followed regarding non-essential journeys and copies are requested through the contact details provided above.**

Location	Opening times
Northumberland County Council County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2E	<b><u>By prior appointment only (see contact details below):</u></b> Monday – Friday 11am to 2pm Saturday and Sunday Closed
Appointment Contact Details	
Alex Sharp, Highways England Consultation Lead ☎: 020 3057 2118 Email: alex.sharp@wsp.com	Monday – Friday 9am to 5pm Please leave voicemail, if appointment is required

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between **16 April 2020** and **14 May 2020**. Please supply your response to our simplified freepost address - **FREEPOST WSP A1iN**

Or via email at:

[A1inNorthumberland@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A1inNorthumberland@highwaysengland.co.uk)

**Responses must be received no later than 14 May 2020.**

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application for a Development Consent Order once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Scheme, please contact us on telephone number 020 3057 2118 or by using one of the contact methods provided above.

Mark Stoneman  
Highways England,  
14 April 2020