



National Highways

Section 56 Planning Act 2008

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

Regulation 16 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

Notice of Acceptance of an Application for a Development Consent Order

A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application by **National Highways Limited** (company number 09346363) 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 the Applicant to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate ("the Inspectorate") on 21 June 2022 and was accepted on 19 July 2022. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is TR010062.

Summary of the Project

The Application is for development consent to construct, operate and maintain the dualling of all the remaining single lengths of carriageway of the A66 to create a continuous 70mph dual carriageway (with the exception of a short length of 50mph dualling between M6 Junction 40 and east of Kemplay Bank) across the North Pennines, between the M6 motorway and A1(M) junctions, including improvement of these two junctions. "The Project" comprises eight schemes with the following main features:

- Online widening (adjacent to the existing road) of the carriageway and improvement to junctions within these lengths of the widened route
- Offline construction (new lengths of road following different routes but reconnecting into existing lengths of the A66 that are already dualled) including new junctions to connect to the local road network
- Improvement to and the construction of new cycleways, footpaths and bridleways
- Ancillary or related development, including works associated with the tie-in of the authorised development; street works, relocation of new road traffic signs, signals, street lighting, road restraints and carriageway markings; works to alter, remove or maintain street furniture or apparatus; works to facilitate traffic management, provide vehicle recovery services and to deliver information relating to the authorised development; and works to stop up, provide or re-provide private means of access to land or premises
- All schemes (with the exception of the A1(M) Junction 53 Scotch Corner scheme) include lengths of de-trunked A66 as a result of the Project

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 also make provisions in connection with several ancillary matters including the permanent construction and alteration of streets, the temporary interference with and the permanent stopping up of streets, public rights of way and private means of access in the vicinity of the Project and the classification of roads all included within the Scheme, the de-trunking (i.e. removal of trunk road status) of part of the existing A66, along with the amendment, disapplication and modification of relevant legislation.

The A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project is located between M6 junction 40 at Penrith and A1(M) Junction 53. A map showing the location of the Proposed Development forms part of the Application (TR010062) and can be viewed at the following link <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a66-northern-trans-pennine-project/>.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Project is an 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.

Copies of Application Documents

The application form and accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement and Non-Technical Summary are available for inspection and download free of charge on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a66-northern-trans-pennine-project/> under the documents tab. The application documents will remain on the website for the duration of the relevant representation period, until at least 4 September 2022.

Paper copies of the application form and accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement are also available for inspection free of charge from Wednesday 20 July 2022 at the following locations and times.

Penrith Library, St Andrew's Centre, Churchyard, Penrith CA11 7YA*

Monday, Tuesday 9.30am-6pm
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am-5pm
Saturday 9.30am-4pm

Barnard Castle Library, Witham Building, 2 Hall Street, Barnard Castle DL12 8JB*

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9.30am-4.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am-5.30pm
Thursday Closed
Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm

**These libraries are subject to change and we would recommend you contact the library in advance*

Paper copies of the suite of application documents can be purchased from National Highways using the contact details below, for a reasonable charge of £10,344. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a reasonable cost charge may apply. On request, a USB data stick containing these documents can be provided free of charge.

Paper copies of the Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary can be obtained free of charge by contacting the project team using the details below.

Please contact National Highways via the following contact details if you have any enquiries about any of the application documents or to request a copy of the application documents:

Post: A66 NTP National Highways
5th Floor
3 Piccadilly Place
Manchester, M1 3BN
Email: A66NTP@nationalhighways.co.uk
Telephone: 0333 090 1192

Making relevant representations on the Application

Any person may make relevant representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (i.e.: giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application). Any relevant representation relating to the Application must be submitted on a registration form and give the grounds on which it is made. The Inspectorate has 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 period during which you can submit a relevant representation to the Inspectorate begins the calendar day after the date this Section 56 Notice is last published, which is Sunday 31 July 2022, and will end on 11.59pm Sunday 4 September 2022. Please note that any submitted representations to the Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application.

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-west/a66-northern-trans-pennine-project/>

Alternatively, you can request a paper copy of the form by telephoning 0303 444 5000 quoting the name of the Application and the Inspectorate's reference number TR010062. The completed relevant representation form must be completed by the deadline for relevant representations. A completed paper copy form to be submitted to the Inspectorate should be sent to:

The Planning Inspectorate
Major Applications & Plans
Room 3D
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
BRISTOL
BS1 6PN

Please quote reference number TR010062 in all correspondence with the Inspectorate about this Application.

In submitting a representation, it should be noted that the personal data and correspondence relating to any representation will be made publicly available. If you do not wish personal data to be made publicly available, you should state why when submitting the representation. The Inspectorate will publish the representations with your name removed, however, the representations may be given less weight during the Examination as a result. The Inspectorate data information and data policy can be found at: [The General Data Protection Regulation: Examination events – Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\).](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/the-general-data-protection-regulation-examination-events-frequently-asked-questions-faq/)