



National Highways

Section 56 Planning Act 2008

Regulation 9 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

M60/M62/M66 Simister Island Interchange

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application by **National Highways 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 National Highways to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate (the "Inspectorate") on **2 April 2024** and was accepted for examination on **30 April 2024**. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is TR010064.

Summary of the Application

The DCO would authorise the alteration of sections of the M60, M66 and M62, including Junction 18 of the M60, in the Metropolitan Borough of Bury between the settlements of Whitefield, Prestwich, Simister and Middleton (the "Scheme"). The Scheme comprises in summary of the following:

- Construction of a new loop road (the 'Northern Loop') to provide a new link between the M60 eastbound to the M60 southbound. This will allow drivers to continue along the M60 without having to leave the motorway, navigate the roundabout and re-join the M60.
- Widening of the M66 southbound through J18 from two lanes to four lanes.
- Widening of the existing M60 northbound to M60 westbound link road from one lane to two lanes.
- Realignment of the M66 southbound slip road to M60 J18 to accommodate the Northern Loop structure, including a new overbridge where the slip road crosses the Northern Loop and realignment of the left turn lane to the M62 eastbound.
- Conversion of the hard shoulder along the existing four-lane Controlled Motorway between M60 J17 to J18 into a running lane (both sides).
- Construction of a new hard shoulder on the M60 between J17 and J18 in the existing verge (both sides).

- Renewal of signs and signals, including new signs and street lighting at M60 J18 and its approaches, renewed traffic signals at the M60 J18 roundabout, and new gantries on the M66 southbound side and between M60 J17 to J18.
- Construction of associated drainage works including new attenuation ponds to accommodate surface water run-off from the highway and improve water quality.

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 such as the stopping up of existing highways and private means of access in the vicinity of the route, and the classification of highways.

Environmental Impact Assessment

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.

Copies of Application Documents

The Application form and accompanying Application documents including plans, maps and the Environment Statement are available for inspection and download free of charge on the relevant project webpage of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/TR010064> under the documents tab from **21 May 2024** until **5 July 2024**.

An electronic copy of the Application documents can be supplied on a USB memory stick free of charge if requested. A paper copy of the Application documents can also be supplied, but there will be a reasonable charge for paper copies to cover the cost of printing, packaging and postage up to a charge of £2,860 for a complete set of documents.

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:

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Making a relevant representation on the Application

Any person may make a relevant representation 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 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 period for making a relevant representation starts on **21 May 2024** and will end at **11.59pm** on **5 July 2024**. 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 / relevant representation period has opened on the Inspectorate’s project web page: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/TR010064>.

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the registration / relevant representation form by telephoning **0303 444 5000** quoting the name of the Application and the Inspectorate’s reference number TR010064. The completed form must be received by the deadline for relevant representations. A completed hard copy form to be submitted to the Inspectorate should be sent to:

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