



## Highways England

### Section 56 Planning Act 2008

#### Regulation 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

#### Notice of Acceptance of an Application for a Development Consent Order The A47 Wansford to Sutton Order

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State 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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and was accepted for examination on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is **TR010039**.

#### Summary of the Application

The DCO would authorise the alteration of a section of the A47 in Peterborough between Wansford and Sutton (the Scheme). The Scheme comprises in summary:

- approximately 2.6km of new dual carriageway constructed largely offline of the existing A47, including the construction of two new underpasses
- a new free-flow link road connecting the existing A1 southbound carriageway to the new A47 eastbound carriageway
- a new link road from the Wansford East roundabout to provide access to Sacrewell Farm, the petrol filling station and the Anglian Water pumping station
- closure of the existing access to Sacrewell Farm with a new underpass connecting to the farm from the link road provided
- a new slip road from the new A47 westbound carriageway also providing access to the petrol filling station
- a link road from the new A47 Sutton Heath roundabout, linking into Sutton Heath Road and Langley Bush Road
- new junction arrangements for access to Sutton Heath Road and Langley Bush Road
- closure of the existing accesses to the A47 from Sutton Heath Road, Sutton Drift and Upton Road
- new passing places and limited widening along Upton Drift (also referenced as Main Road)

- new walking and cycling routes, including a new underpass at the disused railway
- new safer access to the properties on the A1, north of Windgate Way
- installation of boundary fencing, safety barriers and signage
- new drainage systems including:
  - two new outfalls to the River Nene
  - a new outfall to Wittering Brook
  - extension of the A1 culvert at the Mill Stream
  - realignment and extension of the A47 Wansford Sluice
  - drainage ditch interceptors
  - new attenuation basins, with pollution control devices, to control discharges to local watercourses
- River Nene compensatory flood storage area
- works to alter or divert utilities infrastructure such as electricity lines, water pipelines and telecommunications lines
- temporary compounds, material storage areas and vehicle parking required during construction
- environmental mitigation measures.

A map showing the location and route of the proposed development forms part of the Application (The Location Plan) and can be viewed via the following web link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010039/TR010039-000234-2.1%20Location%20Plan.pdf>

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 and the reclassification 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 the accompanying documents, plans and Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the A47 Wansford to Sutton project page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-wansford-to-sutton/?ipcsection=docs>

The Application documents will remain on the website for the duration of the registration / relevant representation period.

An electronic copy of the Application documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. Please contact Highways England using the contact details at the end of this notice.

A paper copy of the Application documents can also be supplied, but there will be a reasonable charge for paper copies of Application documents to cover the cost of printing and postage up to a charge of £2300.

Subsequent to the acceptance of the application, the Planning Inspectorate issued advice under s51 of the 2008 Act and a copy of the letter is available on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the documents tab (,subsection Acceptance);

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010039/TR010039-000250-TR010039-Final-s51-advice.pdf>

Highways England has responded to this advice and submitted further documents to the Inspectorate. These 33 documents can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab (under Pre-examination, Additional Submissions).

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-wansford-to-sutton/?ipcsection=docs&stage=3&filter1=Additional+Submissions>

## **Making representations on the Application**

The period for making representations starts on 9<sup>th</sup> September and will end at 11.59pm on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

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 A47 Wansford to Sutton project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/a47-blofield-to-north-burlingham/?ipcsection=overview>.

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 **TR010039**. A completed hard copy form to be submitted to the Inspectorate should be sent by post or email to:

Email: [A47WansfordtoSutton@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A47WansfordtoSutton@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

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

\*As a result of ongoing Government guidance relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the Planning Inspectorate based at Temple Quay House is unable to receive postal submissions in a reliable way. Postal submissions made to the address above will therefore be subject to delay and the Planning Inspectorate cannot guarantee that they will be received in time to be considered.

Please quote reference number **TR010039** in all correspondence with the Inspectorate about this Application.

**Any relevant representation must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11.59pm on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.**

Please be aware that the Planning Inspectorate is required by law to make the information that you provide in any representation publicly available, and will publish it 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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