

**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
M42 JUNCTION 6 ORDER**

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 ("Highways England") 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 Wednesday 2 January 2019 and was accepted on 30 January 2019. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is TR010027.

The DCO would authorise the creation of a dual carriageway and works to existing junctions. The proposed development ("the scheme") in summary involves:

- Construction of a new 1.5 mile (2.4 km) dual carriageway (in the main in cutting) to the west of Bickenhill between the Clock Interchange on the A45 and a new junction (5a) on the M42, north of the Solihull Road.
- New free flow links around the north west and north east of the M42 junction 6.
- Works to the Clock Interchange and the A45 between the Clock Interchange and the M42.
- Works to the south east side of the M42 junction 6, the A45 westbound (east of the M42 junction 6) and the M42 junction 6 southbound slip roads.

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 permanent construction and alteration of streets, the temporary and permanent stopping up of streets, public rights of way and private means of access in the vicinity of the scheme and the classification of roads all included within the scheme along with the amendment, disapplication and modification of relevant legislation.

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 the application form and accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environment Statement are available for inspection free of charge from Thursday 14 February 2019 until Thursday 28 March 2019 at the following locations and times:

Marston Green Library
Land Lane, Marston Green
Birmingham. B37 7DQ

Mon and Thurs 10:00 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 18:00;
Wed 10:00 to 13:00; and Sat 10:00 to 13:00

Solihull Central Library
The Core, Homer Road, Solihull. B91 3RG

Mon and Thurs 09:00 to 20:00; Tues, Wed and
Fri 09:00 to 18:00; Sat 09:00 to 17:00

Copies of the Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary are available to take away, free of charge, from these locations, or can be obtained by contacting the project team using the contact details at the end of this notice.

The application form and the accompanying documents, plans and Environmental Statement can also be viewed online at the National Infrastructure website for the Application:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/m42-junction-6-improvement/>

Copies may also be purchased from the project team using the contact details at the end of this notice. Copies of the suite of application documents can be obtained for a charge of £1,952 excluding VAT (plus postage) for hard copies. On request, a USB stick containing these documents will be provided free of charge. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a charge may apply.

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 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 notice (8.2 – How to Register to Participate in an Examination) 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 on 21 February 2019 on the relevant page for the Application via the National Infrastructure website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/m42-junction-6-improvement/> 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 TR010027. 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

Please quote reference number TR010027 in all correspondence with the Inspectorate about this Application.

Representations must be received by the Inspectorate no later than 23:59 hours on 28 March 2019.

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

Further information about the Application may be obtained from Highways England as follows:

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