

PLANNING ACT 2008**HIGHWAYS ENGLAND****M42 JUNCTION 6 – APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSENT****PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010027****NOTICE PUBLICISING CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

On 30 January 2019, the Secretary of State accepted an application by Highways England Company Limited ('Highways England'), of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4LZ, for a development consent order ('DCO') under the Planning Act 2008 ('the DCO Application') for the M42 Junction 6 scheme ('the Scheme').

The DCO Application is currently being examined by a panel of independent Inspectors appointed by the Planning Inspectorate ('the Examining Authority') on behalf of the Secretary of State. If the Secretary of State decides to grant development consent for the Scheme, the DCO would authorise Highways England to construct, operate and maintain the Scheme, to acquire compulsorily interests in and rights over land, including the power to create and acquire new rights over land, and to take possession of and to use land temporarily.

The main aspects of the Scheme comprise:

- a new junction (Junction 5A), approximately 1.8km south of the existing junction 6;
- the construction of a new 2.4km dual carriageway link road between the new junction and Clock Interchange (an existing junction on the A45);
- modifications to the existing Clock Interchange junction;
- upgrades to the existing junction 6; and
- realignments and improvements to local roads to the west of the existing M42 in proximity to the proposed bypass.

Notice is hereby given that Highways England is proposing to incorporate the following design changes within the Scheme, as a result of discussions with stakeholders during the course of examination and ongoing design refinement:

- **Change 1:** Design information provided by Severn Trent Water shows that its preferred route for the aqueduct diversion (Work No. 63) would be further south than that envisaged in the Scheme to allow greater ease of maintenance once the Scheme is operational.
- **Change 2:** Following discussions with landowners and the local parish council, it is also proposed to change the location of, Work No. 34, a highway drainage attenuation tank, from the north-western quadrant of Barber's Coppice Roundabout to the south-western quadrant.
- **Change 3:** Highways England proposes that certain land parcels (3/1d, 3/45c, 2/32c, 2/36, and 2/32a) are removed from the Order as, following further consideration and engagement with stakeholders, they are not required for construction, operation or maintenance of the highway. The land parcels to be removed can be found on Sheets 2 and 3 of the Land Plans.

Having considered the proposed changes both individually and collectively, in light of the guidance set out in section 2 of *Advice Note 16: How to request a change which may be material*, Highways England does not consider the proposed changes to be material and that they do not change the substance of the Scheme consulted upon and in respect of which the application has been made.

Highways England can confirm that the proposed design amendments would not result in any changes to the overall assessment and conclusions of likely significant effects presented within the Environmental Statement chapters. All the identified amendments to the design are set within the Order Limits boundary for the Scheme. Further details of the above proposed changes are set out in more detail in the Proposed Changes document as set out below.

How to view the Proposed Changes document

Copies of the Proposed Changes document are available for inspection free of charge from Thursday 29 August 2019 until Thursday 26 September 2019, at Solihull Central Library and Marston Green Library, at the locations and times set out below:

Location	Opening 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; 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

The Proposed Changes document can also be viewed online through the Highways England website: <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m42-junction-6-improvement/>

or by searching 'Non-material change requests to the Application' on the Planning Inspectorate website for the Scheme:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/m42-junction-6-improvement>

Alternatively, if you would like to receive a hard copy of the Proposed Changes through the post, please contact the M42 Junction 6 Project Team on 0300 123 5000, or via the contact details below.

Making representations about the Proposed Changes to the Application

Any responses to the Proposed Changes Consultation, or any representations (e.g. giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, any of the changes must be made in writing, with the reference '**M42 Junction 6 – Proposed Changes**', and sent to Highways England via either of the contact details below, **by 11:59pm on Thursday 26 September 2019**:

- **Post:** Highways England, 2 Colmore Square, 38 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6BN
- **Email:** M42junction6@highwaysengland.co.uk
- **Please quote:** 'M42 Junction 6 – Proposed Changes' in all correspondence

Please note that in due course, responses to the Proposed Changes Consultation and any representations submitted in relation to the proposed changes to the Scheme will be included in the Non-Statutory Consultation Report which will be submitted to the Examining Authority and made publicly available on the Inspectorate's website.

Please note that any representations on the proposed changes to the Scheme must be received by Highways England via the contact details above no later than 11:59pm on Thursday 26 September 2019.