

Section 48 - Planning Act 2008

A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling scheme

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice is hereby given that **Highways England Company Limited** (“Highways England”) of Bridge House, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GUI 4LZ proposes to make an application (“the Application”) to the Secretary of State for Transport under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order.

The Application is for the proposed A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling scheme in Somerset.

The scheme’s main proposals in summary are:

- Construction of a new dual carriageway that follows the existing A303 from east of Podimore Roundabout to Downhead. At this point the road moves north before reverting to follow the route of the existing A303 in the direction of Hazlegrove.
- Retention of some existing sections of the A303 as a parallel road to provide local travel connectivity
- Provision of a new junction allowing local traffic access to the new dual carriageway in the vicinity of Downhead
- Provision of a new junction allowing local traffic access to the new dual carriageway in the vicinity of Hazlegrove

The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (“EIA development”), as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the Application. A Preliminary Environmental Information (“PEI”) Report forms part of the consultation material.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from **Friday 26 January 2018 to Friday 9 March 2018**. Copies of the consultation materials - including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development and the PEI Report - will be available for inspection free of charge from **Friday 26 January 2018 to Friday 9 March 2018** at the following locations and times:

| Location | Opening hours |
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| Wincanton Library, 7 Carrington Way, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 9JS | Monday 9.30am to 1.30pm and 2.30pm to 5pm Tuesday 9.30am to 1.30pm and 2.30pm to 5pm Wednesday 9.30am to 1.30pm and 2.30pm to 5pm Thursday Closed Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm and 2.30pm to 5pm Saturday 9.30am to 12pm Sunday Closed |
| Yeovil Library, King George Street, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1PYZ | Monday 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5pm Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 6pm Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5pm Thursday 9.30am to 1pm Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 5pm |

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| | <p>Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4pm</p> <p>Sunday Closed</p> |
| <p>South Petherton Library, St. James Street, South Petherton, Somerset, TA13 5BS</p> | <p>Monday Closed</p> <p>Tuesday 10am to 2pm</p> <p>Wednesday Closed</p> <p>Thursday 10am to 2pm</p> <p>Friday 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm</p> <p>Saturday 9.30am to 1pm</p> <p>Sunday Closed</p> |
| <p>Taunton Library, Paul Street, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 3XZ</p> | <p>Monday 9.30am to 5.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 9.30am to 5.30pm</p> <p>Wednesday 9.30am to 7pm</p> <p>Thursday 9.30am to 5.30pm</p> <p>Friday 9.30am to 5.30pm</p> <p>Saturday 9.30am to 5pm</p> <p>Sunday Closed</p> |
| <p>Somerset County Council, County Hall, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4DY</p> | <p>Monday 8am to 5pm</p> <p>Tuesday 8am to 5pm</p> <p>Wednesday 8am to 5pm</p> <p>Thursday 8am to 5pm</p> <p>Friday 8am to 4.30pm</p> <p>Saturday Closed</p> <p>Sunday Closed</p> |
| <p>Martock Library, The Shopping Centre, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6DL</p> | <p>Monday 9.30am to 5pm</p> <p>Tuesday 9.30am to 5pm</p> <p>Wednesday 9.30am to 5pm</p> <p>Thursday Closed</p> <p>Friday 9.30am to 5pm</p> <p>Saturday 9.30am to 12pm</p> <p>Sunday Closed</p> |
| <p>South Somerset District Council, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2HT</p> | <p>Monday 8.45am to 5.15pm</p> <p>Tuesday 8.45am to 5.15pm</p> <p>Wednesday 8.45am to 5.15pm</p> <p>Thursday 8.45am to 5.15pm</p> <p>Friday 8.45am to 4.45pm</p> <p>Saturday Closed</p> <p>Sunday Closed</p> |
| <p>Talltrees Community Centre, 4 Taranto Hill, Ilchester, Yeovil BA22 8JP</p> | <p>Monday 8am to 3pm</p> <p>Tuesday 8am to 3pm</p> |

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| | Wednesday 8.45am to 3pm Thursday 8am to 3pm Friday 8am to 3pm Saturday 12.30pm – 11.59pm Sunday 1pm to 10.30pm |
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Copies of the consultation materials also will be available online free of charge from Friday 26 January 2018 at www.highways.gov.uk/Sparkford-to-Ilchester.

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from Highways England using the e-mail address, postal address or telephone number provided below:

- A303Sparkfordtollchesterdualling@highwaysengland.co.uk
- A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling, Highways England, 2/07K Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6HA
- 0300 123 5000 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)

Paper copies of the consultation booklet, response form and Statement of Community Consultation will be supplied free of charge. A CD / DVD of these items together with scheme plans, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and associated Non-Technical Summary will be supplied free of charge.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between Friday 26 January 2018 and Friday 9 March 2018. A consultation feedback form is available as part of the consultation, and the consultation website will also allow the submission of electronic consultation responses. When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the scheme. Please supply any response to:

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Responses must be received no later than Friday 9 March 2018 or, if later, 28 days from the date of this notice.

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing their Application for a Development Consent Order once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the scheme, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided above.

Tom Roberts, Project Manager, Highways England, 11 January 2018