

**SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008
REGULATION 4 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE)
REGULATIONS 2009
A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET IMPROVEMENTS
SCHEME
NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR
A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("the Applicant") proposes to make an application ("the Application") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order.

The Application is for the proposed A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements scheme and is located at Black Cat Roundabout (Bedfordshire) and Caxton Gibbet (Cambridgeshire) and is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under Sections 14 and 22 of the Planning Act 2008.

The scheme will upgrade the route between the Black Cat roundabout and Caxton Gibbet. It includes the construction of a new two-lane dual carriageway between the Black Cat roundabout and Caxton Gibbet junction. The scheme will also replace Black Cat roundabout with a new three-tier junction. The existing A428 between St Neots and Caxton Gibbet will be de-trunked and retained for local traffic, public transport and non-motorised vehicles. The scheme also includes:

New roads, junctions and bridges

- A new dual carriageway connecting Black Cat roundabout to Caxton Gibbet roundabout to ease congestion on existing local roads
- A new three tier junction at Black Cat roundabout which will allow traffic to flow freely on the A1 by travelling under the junction and on the new dual carriageway over the junction
- New junctions at Caxton Gibbet and Cambridge Road, connecting the new dual carriageway to the existing A428
- Alternative access for side roads at Chawston, Wyboston and Eltisbury. Wyboston and Chawston will be connected by the new Roxton Road Link.
- New bridges crossing over the new dual carriageway at Roxton Road, Barford Road and Toseland Road
- New bridges over the River Great Ouse and East Coast Main Line railway

Retention of existing roads and access

- Retention of the existing A428 between St Neots and Caxton Gibbet for local traffic and public transport
- Retention of all existing bus stops

Direct access to the A1 from some roads will be removed as part of safety considerations (details of the roads to be removed can be found in the consultation material).

Walkers, Cyclists and Horse riders

- Enhanced routes for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders that maintain links with the existing public rights of way

Environment

- Environmental mitigation including planting to provide screening for new infrastructure

Other

- Temporary construction areas and access roads, together with works to secure vehicular and/or pedestrian means of access including the creation of new tracks, footpaths, and/or widening, upgrades, creation of bell mouths, creation of temporary slip roads and improvements to existing tracks, footpaths and roads
- The permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition (if required) of land and/or rights for the scheme
- Overriding easements and other rights over or affecting land for the scheme
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the scheme including, amongst others, legislation relating to compulsory purchase
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as necessary and/or convenient

The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the Application. Preliminary Environmental Information ("PEI") forms part of the consultation material and will be available to view at the locations and times listed below.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from 3 June 2019 to 28 July 2019. 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 3 June 2019 to 28 July 2019 at the following deposit locations and times:

Deposit location	Opening times	
Bedford Borough Council Cauldwell Street Bedford MK42 9AP	Monday to Thursday Friday Saturday and Sunday	8:45 – 17:00 8:45 – 16:45 Closed
Cambourne Library Sackville House Sackville Way Cambridge CB23 6HD	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	9:00 – 17:00 9:00 – 13:00 Closed 16:00 – 19:00 9:00 – 17:00 9:00 – 13:00 Closed

Huntingdonshire District Council St Marys Street Huntingdon Cambridgeshire PE29 3TN	Monday to Thursday Friday Saturday and Sunday	8:45 – 17:00 8:45 – 16:30 Closed
Huntingdonshire District Council St Neots Customer Service Centre The Priory Centre St Neots Cambridgeshire PE19 2BH	Monday to Friday Saturday and Sunday	9:30 – 15:30 Closed
Milton Keynes Central Library 555 Silbury Blvd Milton Keynes MK9 3HL	Monday to Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	9:00 – 18:00 9:00 – 20:00 9:00 – 18:00 9:00 – 17:00 Closed
Papworth Library Pendril Court Ermine Street North Papworth Everard Cambridgeshire CB23 3UY	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	Closed 10.00 – 13.00, 14.00 – 17.00 10.00 – 13.00 14.00 – 17.00 Closed 10.00 – 13.00 Closed
Sandy Library Market Square Sandy SG19 1EH	Monday Tuesday to Friday Saturday Sunday	Closed 9:00 – 18:00 9:00 – 16:00 Closed
South Cambridgeshire District Council South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park Cambourne Cambridgeshire CB23 6EA	Monday to Friday Saturday and Sunday	8.00 – 17.30 Closed
St Neots Library 1 Priory Lane St Neots Cambridgeshire PE19 2BH	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	9.30 – 17.00 9.30 – 17.00 13.30 – 19.00 9.30 – 17.00 9.30 – 17.00 9.30 – 16.00 Closed

The opening times of these venues are dependent on and are governed by them and may be subject to change. If in doubt, please phone ahead before visiting a location.

The consultation material will also be available online from 3 June 2019 at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a428>

An electronic copy of the consultation material can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. A hard copy of the consultation material can also be supplied, but there will be a reasonable charge for hard copies of consultation material to cover the cost of printing and postage up to a charge of £250. To request copies of the documents, please contact Highways England using the e-mail address, postal address or telephone number provided below:

- a428blackcattocaxtongibbet@highwaysengland.co.uk
- FREEPOST, A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet
- 0300 123 5000

There will be a charge for multiple copies of technical documents if requested.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between 3 June 2019 and 28 July 2019.

A consultation feedback form is available as part of the consultation materials and is available online and at the deposit location listed above. 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 by:

- Emailing a428blackcattocaxtongibbet@highwaysengland.co.uk
- Posting feedback to FREEPOST, A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet
- Calling 0300 123 5000
- Filling out the online form available at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a428>

Responses must be received no later than 11:59pm on 28 July 2019.

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the scheme and the application for a Development Consent Order once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be submitted with the application 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.