

Highways England

Section 48 Planning Act 2008

Regulation 48 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

M25 junction 28 improvement 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 M25 junction 28 improvement scheme between Romford and Brentwood in Essex.

The scheme's main proposals in summary are:

- Introduce a second exit road from the M25 anti-clockwise onto the new loop road, Creation of a new two-lane loop road with hard shoulder, for traffic travelling from the M25 anticlockwise to A12 eastbound. Provide a new bridge to allow the loop road to pass over the M25 anti-clockwise entry road. Provide an overbridge to support the A12 eastbound exit road to allow the proposed loop road to pass underneath and join the A12 eastbound carriageway.
- In addition any necessary rights and powers will be sought to ensure the delivery and the operation of the scheme, including compulsory acquisition.

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.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from 03 December 2018 to 28 January 2019. Copies of all 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 03 December 2018 to 28 January 2019 at the following locations and times:

• Romford Central Library, Central Library (St Edwards Way, Romford, RM1 3AR)

Monday – 10am to 8pm, Tuesday – 9am to 5pm, Wednesday 9am to 5pm, Thursday – 10am to 8pm, Friday – 9am to 5pm Saturday – 10am to 4pm Sunday – Closed.

• Brentwood Library (New Road, Brentwood CM14 4BP)

Monday – 10am to 6pm, Tuesday – 9am to 6pm, Wednesday 9am to 1pm, Thursday – 9am to 6pm, Friday – 9am to 6pm Saturday – 9am to 5pm Sunday – Closed.

 Chelmsford Library (County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford CM1 1QH) Monday – 9am to 6.30pm, Tuesday – 9am to 6pm, Wednesday 9am to 1pm, Thursday – 9am to 6pm, Friday – 9am to 6.30pm Saturday – 9am to 5.30pm Sunday – 1pm to 4pm

The above locations may be closed on Bank Holidays

Copies of the consultation materials also will be available online free of charge from 03 December 2018 at <u>www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m25j28</u>.

Paper copies of the scheme consultation brochure and feedback form, this Section 48 Notice and the Statement of Community Consultation will be supplied free of charge. For paper copies of any other materials, including the PEIR, a reasonable charge will need to be made to covering printing, postage and VAT at 20%, up to a maximum of £200. Please contact Highways England using the contact details below for details regarding payment methods.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between 03 December 2018 and 28 January 2019. A consultation feedback form is available as part of the consultation materials. 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:

- info@highwaysengland.co.uk
- FREEPOST M25 junction 28 improvement scheme
- 0300 123 5000

Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on Monday 28 January 2019.

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

Eve Herrington, Project Manager, Highways England, 3 December 2018.