

## Highways England

### Regulation 7 of The Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition)

### Regulations 2010

### Notice of proposed changes to an accepted Development Consent Order

### A1 Birtley to Coal House

An application for development consent (“the DCO application”) was submitted by Highways England to the Secretary of State, c/o the Planning Inspectorate, on 14 August 2019 and was accepted on 11 September 2019. The reference number applied to the DCO application is **TR010031**. This consultation concerns changes to that application which are proposed to be sought by Highways England.

Notice is hereby given that Highways England Company Limited of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ (the “Applicant”) proposes to make an application to amend the DCO application as made, including changes to the areas of land which would be subject to powers of compulsory acquisition.

The DCO would authorise the improvements of the A1 between junction 65 (Birtley) and junction 67 (Coal House). The proposed development (the “Scheme”) in summary involves:

- Widening from three to four lanes between J65 and J67 on the southbound carriageway;
- Widening to three lanes on the northbound carriageway with an additional lane to help manage traffic joining and leaving the A1 between junctions;
- The replacement of Allerdene Bridge approximately 40 metres to the immediate south of the existing structure;
- Changes to signage and road markings on the southbound carriageway between just south of junction 68 (Lobley Hill) and junction 67 (Coal House);
- Replacement of existing North Dene Footbridge located between junction 66 (Eighton Lodge) and junction 65 (Birtley) to accommodate the widening of the A1;
- Diversion of utilities.

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 temporary stopping up of lengths of existing highways in the vicinity of the route.

The Applicant proposes to request the following changes to the DCO:

- Three span viaduct option for the replacement of Allerdene Bridge. This is a further option to the single span bridge (Embankment Option) or a 6/7 span viaduct (Viaduct Option) currently in the DCO.
- Additional land outside of the current DCO application Scheme boundary at junction 67 for material stockpiling during construction of the new Allerdene bridge.

The land required for this change is:

- Located south of the existing proposed construction compound at Allerdene and marked as Plot Number 3/13a on the plan.

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The compensation for the additional land proposed to be subject to compulsory acquisition has been allowed for by Highways England in the budget for the Scheme, further details of the budget for the Scheme is available in the Funding Statement submitted with the application on 14 August 2019.

**Due to government guidance on the covid-19 movement restrictions and in light of the public health risk, hard copies of the consultation materials are not available to view at deposit location(s). These documents are available to view on-line free of charge on the Scheme webpage. This includes an Addendum to the Environmental Statement setting out any environmental impacts of the additional land and associated DCO plans.**

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/a1birtleytocoalhouse>.

On request, a CD / USB containing these documents will be provided **free of charge** using the contact details at the end of this notice. If you do not have access to a computer a printed copy of these documents can be sent to you, **free of charge** if requested.

Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (including giving notice of any interest in the Application or the land affected by it, or making any comment on 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 Registration and Relevant Representation form will be made available by the Planning Inspectorate on the relevant page for the Application via the National Infrastructure website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a1-birtley-to-coal-house-improvement-scheme/>

Alternatively, you can request a hard copy of the form by telephoning 0303 444 5000 quoting the name of the Application and the Planning Inspectorate reference TR010031. A completed hard copy form to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate should be sent to: The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Please quote reference number TR010031 in all correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this Application.

Representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate no later than **18 June 2020**. Please note that all representations submitted to the Planning 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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