



Highways England

Section 56 Planning Act 2008

Regulation 9 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

Notice of Acceptance of an Application for a Development Consent Order

A1 Birtley to Coal House

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport has accepted an application by **Highways England Company Limited** of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application"). The Application was submitted by Highways England to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate ("the Inspectorate") on 14 August 2019 and was accepted on 10 September 2019. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is TR010031.

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 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 Scheme is Environmental Impact Assessment development (EIA development) as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)

Regulations 2017. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

The application form and accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement can be viewed electronically and free of charge on the Scheme page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/a1-birtley-to-coal-house-improvement-scheme/> as from **Thursday 3 October 2019** at the following locations and times:.

Location	Opening Hours
The Hub Resource Centre 16 Harraton Terrace Durham Road Birtley DH3 2QG Telephone: 0191 492 0434	Monday 09:30 – 15:30 Tuesday 09:30 – 15:30 Wednesday 09:30 – 15:30 Thursday 09:30 – 15:30 Friday 09:30 – 15:30 Saturday Closed Sunday Closed
Gateshead Civic Centre Regent Street Gateshead NE8 1HH Telephone: 0191 433 3000	Monday 08:00 – 17:30 Tuesday 08:00 – 17:30 Wednesday 08:00 – 17:30 Thursday 08:00 – 17:30 Friday 08:00 – 17:00 Saturday Closed Sunday Closed

Copies may also be purchased from the project team using the contact details at the end of this notice. Copies of the suite of application documents can be obtained for a charge of £2,300 + VAT for hard copies. On request, a CD/DVD/USB containing these documents will be provided free of charge. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a charge may apply

Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (i.e.: giving notice of any interest in 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 Inspectorate have issued detailed advice on registering as an interested party and making a relevant representation, to which you are advised to have regard. This Advice Note (8.2 – How to Register to Participate in an Examination) is published on the National Infrastructure Planning website under 'Legislation and Advice' and can be found at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

The Registration and Relevant Representation form will be made available by the Inspectorate once the registration / representation period has opened on the relevant page for the Application via the National Infrastructure Planning 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 Inspectorate's reference number

TR010031. A completed hard copy form to be submitted to the Inspectorate should be sent to:

The Planning Inspectorate
Major Applications & Plans
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Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
BRISTOL
BS1 6PN

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

The period during which you can submit a Relevant Representation to the Inspectorate begins the calendar day after the date this Section 56 Notice is last published, which is Thursday 10 October 2019 and will end on Thursday 14 November 2019. Please note that any submitted representations to the Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application.

Further information about the Application may be obtained from Highways England as follows:

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