

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND

SECTION 47, PLANNING ACT 2008

A19/A1290 DOWNHILL LANE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Notice is hereby given that **Highways England Company Limited** ("Highways England") of Bridge House, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford GU1 4LZ has now published a Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC") for the A19/A1290 Downhill Lane Junction Improvement scheme, in accordance with section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. Under section 47, Highways England has a duty to consult the local community about its proposals in accordance with the SoCC.

The Downhill Lane Junction is a major junction forming the intersection of the A19 with the A1290, located just over 5km south of the Tyne Tunnel entrance at Jarrow in South Tyneside and approximately 1.2km south of the Testos junction. It forms the junction between the A19 and the A1290, which is one of the main access routes for the Nissan car plant, and Washington Road, which runs into north Sunderland.

The details of this improvement proposal are as follows:

- A new bridge will be constructed south of the existing bridge. Together with the retained/modified existing bridge this will form a more traditional roundabout junction layout above the A19.
- The existing north-bound and south-bound A19 slip roads will be realigned to tie in with the new elevated roundabout arrangement. To the north of the junction, these will serve as link roads between Downhill Lane Junction and the proposed new Testos junction roundabout. The slip roads south of the junction will also be re-aligned but will continue to provide direct access to the A19.
- Routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders will be designed to provide overall improvements in safety and connectivity where possible
- On the west side of the junction the A1290 will be re-aligned and to the east, the layout of Downhill Lane and Washington Road will also be amended to suit the new junction.
- Temporary access roads, temporary highway works, temporary construction compounds and work sites will be required during construction of the scheme.

The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment will be required. An Environmental Statement will therefore be submitted as part of the Application. Preliminary Environmental Information ("PEI") forms part of the consultation material.

A consultation exercise was held between November 2016 and January 2017 and a preferred route announcement was made in June 2017. The next stage in the process is for Highways England to undertake pre-application consultation in accordance with the Planning Act 2008, to hear any views people may have on the project.

Under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008, Highways England has a duty to consult the local community about its proposals in accordance with the SoCC. The SoCC explains how Highways England will be consulting the local community about the proposed application.

The consultation will take place from Monday 11th September 2017 to Sunday 22th October 2017 with two exhibition events being held on Friday 22nd September from 2pm – 8pm at Bunny Hill Customer Service Centre, Hylton Lane, Sunderland, SR5 4BW and Saturday 23rd September from 10am - 3pm at Quality Inn Hotel, Witney Way, Boldon, NE35 9PE. Details about the consultation and how to get involved are set out in the SoCC.

You can view the SoCC online at www.highways.gov.uk/a19-testos-downhill-lane from Monday 11th September 2017. Paper copies are also available to view at the following locations between Monday 11th September 2017 and Sunday 22nd October 2017.

Venue	Opening Times
Boldon Village Hall, Asda Complex/North Rd, Boldon Colliery, NE35 9AR Tel: 0191 536 3841	Monday to Friday 09:00 – 12:00
Bunny Hill Customer Service Centre, Hylton Lane, Sunderland, SR5 4BW Tel: 0191 520 5555	Monday to Friday: 09:30 to 17:00
East Boldon Library, Boker Lane, East Boldon, NE36 0RY Tel: 0191 424 7853	Monday and Friday: 09:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00 Tuesday and Thursday: 09:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 19:00.
Gateshead Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH Tel: 0191 433 3000	Monday to Friday, 09:00 – 17:00
Library at Hebburn Central, Glen Street Hebburn, NE31 1AB Tel: 0191 424 7831	Monday to Thursday: 09:30 to 19:00 Friday: 09:30 to 17:00 Saturday: 10:00 to 16:00
Hedworthfield Community Centre, Cornhill, Jarrow NE32 4QD Tel 0191 519 6700	Monday to Friday: 09:00 to 22:00 Saturday: 09:00 to 17:00 Sunday: 10:00 to 14:00
Jarrow Library, Cambrian Street, Jarrow, NE32 3QN Tel: 0191 489 7786	Monday: 09:30 to 17:00 Tuesday and Thursday: 09:30 to 19:00 Friday: 09:30 to 17:00 Saturday: 12:00 to 16:00

North Tyneside Council, Planning Reception, Quadrant the Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY Tel: 03454 04 05 06	Opening times: Monday to Thursday 08:30 – 17:00, Friday 08:30 – 16:30
The Quadrus Centre, Woodstock Way, Boldon Business Park, Boldon Colliery, Tyne and Wear, NE35 9PF Tel: 0191 519 7202	Monday to Friday: 08:30 to 17:00
The Word Library The Word, 45 Market Place, South Shields, NE33 1DX Tel: 0191 427 1818	Monday to Thursday: 09:00 to 19:00 Friday: 09:00 to 17:00 Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 to 16:00
Sunderland City Centre Customer Service Centre, 31-32 Fawcett Street, Sunderland, SR1 1RE. Tel: 0191 520 5553	Monday to Friday 08:30 – 17:00.
Washington Library, Independence Square, Washington, NE38 7RZ. Tel 0191 561 3441	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 09:30 to 17:00; Wednesday 09:30 to 19:00; Saturday 10:00 to 16:00.
Highways England, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AT Tel: 0300 470 2683	Monday to Friday: 09:00 to 17:00

A paper copy can also be provided free of charge upon request by contacting the project team:

- By emailing A19DownHillLane@highwaysengland.co.uk
- In writing:
 A19/A1290 Downhill Lane Junction Improvement Project Team,
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Following the consultation, Highways England is proposing to complete preparation of the DCO application, with a target submission date of spring 2018.

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.

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