

# DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

## SECTION 56 PLANNING ACT 2008

### REGULATION 9 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

#### NOTICE PUBLICISING AN ACCEPTED APPLICATION

#### THE A556 (KNUTSFORD TO BOWDON IMPROVEMENT) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 201[ ] A556 KNUTSFORD TO BOWDON IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

#### PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010002

The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT hereby gives notice that the Highways Agency of Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester, M1 2WD (“the Applicant”) has made an application under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Planning Inspectorate for an order granting development consent (“the Application”), and that the Planning Inspectorate has accepted the Application.

The reference number applied to the Application by the Planning Inspectorate is TR010002.

The order being applied for, the Development Consent Order, would grant the Applicant powers to construct a new section of highway and make improvements to the existing A556 trunk road in Cheshire between M6 Junction 19 near Knutsford, Cheshire and M56 Junction 7 near Bowdon, Greater Manchester, and would include improvements to the M6 Southbound carriageway between M6 Junction 19 and Knutsford Services.

The main aspects of the proposed development include:

- construction of a new, dual carriageway standard section of the A556 from M6 Junction 19 to a point north of Bucklow Hill, to bypass Tabley, Mere and Bucklow Hill to the west;
- improvement of the existing A556 north of the new bypass section, from the point north of Bucklow Hill up to the M56;
- improvement of the layout of M56 Junction 7 at Bowdon;
- improvement of the M6 Southbound carriageway between M6 Junction 19 and Knutsford Services;
- creation of junctions at Tabley, the A50 and at Millington allowing local road network traffic access to and from the new A556;
- changes to existing adjacent local roads to enable safe connections with and over the new A556;
- changes and improvements to facilities for non-motorised traffic to enable more and safer crossings of the new A556;
- changes to the section of the current A556 to be bypassed, including the creation of additional facilities for non-motorised traffic along with measures to make the bypassed section more suitable as a road for rural, local traffic;
- the transfer of responsibility of the section of the current A556 to be bypassed to the local highway authority, Cheshire East Council; and
- measures to mitigate environmental impacts of the Scheme.

The Development Consent Order would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land or interests in land or rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily.

The Development Consent Order would also make provisions in connection with several ancillary matters, including those relating to new and existing highways and to private means of access.

The Secretary of State gives notice that the Application is Environmental Impact Assessment development and that, to enable the Planning Inspectorate to determine whether to implement the development, an Environmental Statement has been provided for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009.

COPIES of the Application form and the accompanying Application documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement, are available for inspection free of charge from Thursday 6th June 2013 until Thursday 4th July 2013 at:

Venue	Viewing Hours
Highways Agency 9th floor, Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester, M1 2WD Telephone: <b>0161 930 5998</b>	Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
Knutsford Library Toft Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0PG Telephone: <b>01625 374873</b>	Monday and Friday 9am to 5pm; Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 7pm; Wednesday 9am to 1pm; Saturday 9:30am to 1pm
Cheshire East Council's Macclesfield Customer Service Centre Town Hall, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1EA Telephone: <b>0300 123 5500</b>	Monday to Friday 8:45am to 5pm
Sandbach Library The Commons, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1FJ Telephone: <b>01270 375355</b>	Monday and Wednesday 9am to 7pm; Tuesday and Friday 9am to 5pm; Thursday 9am to 1pm; Saturday 9:30am to 1pm
Little Bollington Church of England Primary School Lymm Road, Little Bollington, Cheshire, WA14 4SZ Telephone: <b>01565 830344</b>	Monday to Friday, school holidays excluded – please contact the school by phone to arrange viewing
Trafford Council's Welcome Point Waterside House, Sale Waterside, Sale, M33 7ZF Telephone: <b>0161 912 2000</b>	Monday and Wednesday 9am to 7pm; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 5pm; Saturday 10am to 4pm

Copies of the Environmental Statement Non Technical Summary are available to take away, free of charge, from these locations, or can be obtained by contacting the A556 Project Team using the contact details at the end of this notice.

The Application form and the accompanying Application documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement, can also be viewed online on the Planning Inspectorate's webpage for the development:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a556-knutsford-to-bowdon-scheme/>

Copies of the Application form and the accompanying Application documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement, may be purchased from the A556 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 £2,000 for hard copies. On request, a DVD Rom 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, giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application, or make comment on the Environmental Statement.

The Planning Inspectorate has issued detailed guidance on registering as an "interested party" and making a "relevant representation", to which you are advised to have regard. This guidance note can be accessed through this link:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/advice-note-8.3.pdf>

Any representation relating to the Application must be made to the Planning Inspectorate and submitted on a registration form, and give the grounds on which it is made. In the preparation of a representation or any objection or response, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it will be made public.

The registration form can be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate:

The Planning Inspectorate

Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Telephone: **0303 444 5000**

E-mail: [enquiries@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@infrastructure.gsi.gov.uk) Website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/>

Please quote the Planning Inspectorate reference TR010002 in all correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this Application.

### **Representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate not later than Thursday 4th July 2013.**

Further information about the development and this notice may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or the Highways Agency's A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Project Team:

A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Project Team

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