

Section 48 – Planning Act 2008

M4 junctions 3 to 12 smart motorway

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 Regulation 11 Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009.

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order (DCO)

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport (the Applicant) of The Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR, proposes to apply under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a development consent order (the Application). The proposed Application relates to improvements to the M4 motorway between junctions 3 and 12 to upgrade it to a smart motorway. The length of the project is approximately 32 miles and is situated in the London Boroughs of Hounslow and Hillingdon, Counties of West Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and South Buckinghamshire, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and the Boroughs of Bracknell, Wokingham, Slough and Reading. The project is a nationally significant infrastructure project under Section 14 of the Planning Act 2008.

The proposed DCO will authorise improvements and alterations to the highway comprising the M4 Motorway and other development including:

1. Conversion of the hard shoulder to a running lane (All Lane Running);
2. Widening or demolition and rebuilding of some existing overbridges, underbridges, subways and culverts;
3. Widening and realignment of the M4 motorway and side roads;
4. Installation and removal of signs and/or gantries with associated cabinets and cabling;
5. Installation of above ground traffic detection radar units and closed circuit television cameras;
6. Construction of emergency refuge areas (ERAs);
7. The compulsory acquisition of land including rights in or over land required for the purposes of the scheme, or to facilitate or incidental to the scheme;
8. Imposition of variable mandatory speed limits and other traffic management and control measures;
9. Development including plant, equipment and buildings comprised in the scheme including:
 - 9.1 Construction sites, lay-down areas, working areas and temporary works and structures;
 - 9.2 Site access, internal site roads, vehicle parking;

- 9.3 Landscaping and replacement planting;
- 9.4 Foul drainage provision and surface water management systems;
- 9.5 Permanent and/or temporary changes to the highway network for the scheme and other access facilities;
- 9.6 The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the scheme including inter alia legislation relating to the compulsory acquisition of land and traffic management
- 9.7 Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The project is an environmental impact assessment development. Accordingly, the Applicant has made preliminary environmental information available in the form of a preliminary environmental information (PEI) report. A non-technical summary (NTS) of the PEI report has also been prepared. A copy of the PEI report and NTS may be inspected free of charge at the following locations during normal opening hours.

West Drayton
West Drayton Library, Station Road, West Drayton UB7 7JS

Slough
Slough Library, 85 High Street, Slough SL1 1EA

Windsor and Maidenhead
Windsor and Maidenhead Council, Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1RF

Theale
Theale Library, Church Street, Theale, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 5BZ

Wokingham
Wokingham Library, Denmark Street, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 2BB

Windsor
Windsor Library, Bachelors Acre, Windsor SL4 1ER

Binfield
Binfield Library, Benetfeld Road, Binfield Bracknell RG42 4JZ

Burnham
Burnham Library, Windsor Lane, Burnham, Buckinghamshire SL1 7HR

Cippenham
Cippenham Library, Elmshott Lane, Slough, Slough SL1 5RB

Datchet
Datchet Library, Montagu House, 8 Horton Road, Datchet, Slough SL3 9ER

Eton Wick
Eton Wick Library, Village Hall, Eton Wick, Slough SL4 6LT

Whitley
Whitley Library, 205 Northumberland Avenue, Reading RG2 7PX

Denham
Denham Parish Council, Village Road, Denham UB9 5BN

Chalvey
Chalvey Community Centre, The Green, Chalvey SL1 2SP

Hounslow
Cranford Library, Bath Road, Hounslow, Greater London TW5 9TL

The PEI report and the NTS will be on display at the above locations and times and available for inspection until Sunday 21 December 2014. Copies of documents and further details about the project can also be found on the Applicant's website www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/M4-Junctions-3-12.

Copies of documents may also be obtained by calling **0300 123 5000** or emailing M4J3to12SmartMotorway@highways.gsi.gov.uk.

A CD or paper copies of the scheme summary leaflet, Section 48 Notice, Planning Act fact sheet and SoCC will be supplied free of charge.

Copies of the scheme plans and PEI report can be provided on a DVD on request. Please contact the project team for further details.

Any responses to or other representations in respect of the scheme should be sent by post to:

Highways Agency, M4 J3-J12 smart motorway team, Major Projects, The Cube, 199 Wharfside Street, Birmingham, B1 1RN

or by email:
M4J3to12SmartMotorway@highways.gsi.gov.uk.

Any response or representation in respect of the proposed application **must** (i) be received by the Applicant on or before 23:59 hours on Sunday 21 December 2014, (ii) be made in writing, (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation, (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation, and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent. Responses and other representations may be made public.

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