
THE HIGHWAYS AGENCY**PLANNING ACT 2008
NOTICE OF FURTHER INFORMATION****THE A556 TRUNK ROAD (KNUTSFORD TO BOWDON IMPROVEMENT)
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 201#**

On the 24th April 2013 the HIGHWAYS AGENCY of Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester, M1 2WD (the "Applicant") made an application (the "Application") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Planning Inspectorate (the "Examining Authority") for the above-named Development Consent Order. The Application was accepted for examination by the Examining Authority on the 17th May 2013. The Preliminary meeting was held on the 3rd September 2013 and the application is currently in the examination period.

The Application seeks authorisation for the construction of:

A 7.5 kilometre / 4.7 mile improvement to the A556 trunk road in Cheshire between M6 Junction 19 near Knutsford, Cheshire and M56 Junction 7 near Bowdon, Greater Manchester. The scheme would improve the route to a consistent standard of modern dual carriageway. The main aspects of the project include:

- Construction of a new section of the A556 from M6 Junction 19 to north of Bucklow Hill, to bypass Over Tabley, Mere and Bucklow Hill
- Improvement of the existing A556 north of the new bypass, to the M56
- Improvement of the layout of M56 Junction 7 at Bowdon
- Creation of junctions allowing local traffic access to the new A556
- Narrowing of the bypassed section of the A556 and changes to side road connections
- Measures to mitigate environmental impacts of the scheme and improve the local environment

On the 7th November 2013 the Applicant received a request for further information from the Examining Authority relating to specific mitigation measures to address air quality impacts. This request can be found on the Planning Inspectorate website using the link below:

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

As a result the Applicant has prepared further information which they believe would be valuable for the Examining Authority and interested parties to consider as part of the examination. This further information includes details associated with the proposed air quality mitigation measures and some further minor changes to the Application relating to the re-design of a National Grid Pipeline Diversion and design development associated with local accommodation measures.

Notice is hereby given that this further information is available to view online **from 19 December 2013** on the Highways Agency project website

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/a556-knutsford-to-bowdon-improvement/>

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- Knutsford Library, Toft Road, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0PG. Open: Monday 9am – 5pm, Tuesday 9am – 7pm, Wednesday 9am – 1pm, Thursday 9am – 7pm, Friday 9am – 5pm, Saturday 9:30am – 1pm. (Closed Bank Holidays) Telephone: 01625 374873 / e-mail: knutsford.library@cheshireeast.gov.uk
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Any comments on the further information should be received by no later than **midnight on the 20 January 2013**, and be sent in writing to The Highways Agency's A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Project Team, 9th Floor, Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester, M1 2WD or emailed to A556knutsfordbowdon@highways.gsi.gov.uk quoting "A556 Knutsford To Bowdon".

Further information about the Application, the further information or this notice may be obtained from the Highways Agency's A556 Knutsford to Bowdon Project Team:

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