



Highways England

Section 48 Planning Act 2008

Regulation 4 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

A1 Birtley to Coal House Improvement scheme

Notice Publicising a Proposed Application for a Development Consent Order

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND COMPANY LIMITED of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ (“the Applicant”) proposes to make an application (“the Application”) under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order.

The Application is for the proposed improvement to the A1 between Junction 65 at Birtley and Junction 67 at Coal House (the “Scheme”) in Gateshead.

The scheme’s main proposals in summary are:

- Widening of the route to four lanes between junction 65 and 67 on the southbound carriageway and three lanes with lane gain/drop between junctions on northbound carriageway to provide additional capacity
- Offline replacement of Allerdene Railway Bridge.
- Widening/ Extension of other existing structures.
- Providing an improved road alignment

The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (“EIA development”), as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the Application. Preliminary Environmental Information (“PEI”) forms part of the consultation material.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from 8 February 2018 to 22 March 2018. Copies of the consultation materials - including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development and the PEI - will be available for inspection free of charge from 8 February 2018 to 22 March 2018 at the following locations and times:

Location	Viewing Times
Gateshead Civic Centre Regent Street Gateshead NE8 1HH Tel: 0191 433 3000	Monday – Friday 09.00– 17.00
Birtley Library Durham Road, Birtley Chester-le-Street	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 09.00 – 17.00 Wednesday & Friday 09:00 – 15:45

DH3 1LE Tel: 0191 433 6101	Saturday CLOSED
The Hub Resource Centre Birtley Community Partnership 16 Harraton Terrace Durham Road Birtley DH3 2QG Tel: 0191 492 0434	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 09.30 – 15.30 Wednesday 09.30 – 12.00 Saturday CLOSED
Kibblesworth Millennium Centre Grange Terrace Kibblesworth Gateshead NE11 0XN Tel: 0191 411 1193	Monday and Friday 10.00- 3.00 Tuesday, Wednesday 10.00- 16.00 Thursday 09.00- 17:00 Saturday CLOSED
Highways England Lateral 8 City Walk Leeds LS11 9AT Tel: 0300 470 4548	By prior arrangement: Monday to Friday 09.00 – 17.00

Copies of the consultation materials also will be available online free of charge from 8 February 2018 at www.highways.gov.uk/a1birtleytocoalhouse

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from Highways England using the e-mail address, postal address or telephone number provided below: Please note a CD/DVD copy can be provided free of charge. Where paper copies are required there will be a fee payable up to a maximum of £64.00

- E-mail us: A1BirtleytoCoalhouse@highwaysengland.co.uk
- Call us: 0300 470 4548
- Write to us: A1 Birtley to Coal House Project Team, Highways England, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AT

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between 8 February 2018 and 22 March 2018. A consultation feedback form is available as part of the consultation materials. The website will allow the submission of electronic consultation forms. When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the scheme.

Written responses can be sent to the following address:

A1 Birtley to Coal House Scheme
Highways England
Lateral
8 City Walk
Leeds
LS11 9AT

or via email at:

A1BirtleytoCoalhouse@highwaysengland.co.uk

or via the scheme website:

www.highways.gov.uk/a1birtleytocoalhouse

Responses must be received no later than 23:59 22 March 2018

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application for a Development Consent Order once consultation has closed. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

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.

Nicola Wilkes, Project Manager, Highways England, 1 February 2018