

A2 BEAN AND EBBSFLEET JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS

Publication of Statement of Community Consultation

HIGHWAYS ENGLAND is developing proposals to improve the A2 Bean and Ebbsfleet junctions in Kent to help improve journey times, increase safety and support local and regional economic growth.

At the A2 Bean junction, the proposed scheme will include the addition of a new bridge for southbound traffic, upgrades to the roundabouts north and south of the junction and an additional slip road for eastbound traffic. Proposed improvements to the A2 Ebbsfleet junction include enlargements of existing roundabouts, widening of the road between the roundabouts to a dual carriageway and widening of slip roads.

We wish to hear the views of people living in the vicinity of the proposed scheme before making an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). Our statutory pre-application **community consultation will take place between 21 February and 4 April 2018.**

We have published a **Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”)**, which explains how we will consult with the local community and how people can provide their feedback to help shape our proposals.

The SoCC is now available to view or download free of charge from Highways England’s website at:
www.highways.gov.uk/a2be.

Copies of the SoCC may also be requested using our contact details provided below, or can be inspected free of charge throughout the consultation period during normal opening hours at these locations

- **Dartford Borough Council**, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR
- **Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council**, The Grove, Swanscombe, DA10 0GA

We will be holding public information exhibitions during the consultation period at the following locations and times:

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| • Heritage Community Hall ,
Craylands Lane, DA10 0LP | Wednesday 21 February
14:00–18:00 |
| • Bean Youth and Community Centre ,
High St, BeanDartford, DA2 8AS | Saturday 24 February
10:00-15:00 |
| • Blewater Shopping Centre ,
Dartford, DA9 9ST | Saturday 3 March
9:00-21:00 |
| • Eastgate, Springhead Parkway ,
Northfleet, DA11 8AD | Saturday 10 March
10:00-15:00 |
| • Ebbsfleet International Station ,
Dartford, DA10 1EB | Thursday 15 March
7:00-9:00 and 15:00-19:00 |
| • Stone Pavilion ,
Hayes Road, Stone, DA9 9DS | Saturday 17 March
10:00-14:00 |

All of our **consultation materials** including a brochure describing the nature and location of the proposed scheme and a feedback form, together with a copy of our SoCC, will be available to view during the consultation period (21 February 2018 - 4 April 2018) at Dartford Borough Council and Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council (listed above). As the scheme will be an Environmental Impact Assessment development, the consultation materials will also include a Preliminary Environmental Information Report outlining the scheme’s potential environmental effects.

For further information, please contact us

Write to: Mr Brian Gash, Senior Project Manager, Highways England, Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford GU1 4LZ

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Telephone: 0300 123 5000

Visit: www.highways.gov.uk/a2be

Section 48 - Planning Act 2008

A2 Bean and Ebbsfleet Junction Improvements Scheme

Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order

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

Notice is hereby given that **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 A2 Bean and Ebbsfleet junction improvements scheme, located within the administrative areas of Kent County Council, Dartford Borough Council and Gravesend Borough Council.

The proposed scheme is needed to reduce congestion, improve safety and support planned growth. In summary:

- At Bean junction the existing layout will be retained with the current roundabouts enlarged and controlled by traffic lights. There will be a new bridge over the A2 for southbound traffic (situated to the east of the existing Bean Lane overbridge, which will be retained for northbound traffic) and a new slip road on to the A2 for eastbound traffic.
- At Ebbsfleet junction the proposals broadly follow the existing road layout with enlarged roundabouts controlled by traffic lights, the road between the roundabouts will be widened to a dual carriageway, slip roads to the A2 will be widened and slip roads from the A2 will be retained. A comprehensive package of environmental mitigation and compensation measures is proposed.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from Wednesday 21 February until 23:45 on Wednesday 4 April 2018.

Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

The scheme is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. 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 ("PEIR") will be published as part of the consultation materials.

Consultation materials

Copies of the consultation materials, which includes a consultation brochure containing plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed scheme and the PEIR, will be available during the consultation period online at www.highways.gov.uk/a2be and for inspection free of charge during the consultation at the following locations and times:

Dartford Borough Council

(Monday to Thursday 08:45 – 17:15 and Friday 08:45 – 16:45)

Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR

Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 09:30 – 16:00 and Wednesday by appointment)

The Grove, Swanscombe, DA10 0GA

Paper copies of the consultation brochure and survey questionnaires will be available to take away during the consultation period from the following locations during normal business hours:

Bean Youth and Community Centre

High Street, Bean, DA2 8AS

Greenhithe Library

45 London Road, Greenhithe, DA9 9EJ

Fleetdown Library

Swaledale Road, Dartford, DA2 6JZ

Longfield Library

49 Main Road, Longfield, DA3 7QT

Swan Valley Library

Swanscombe Library Discovery Centre,

Ebbsfleet Academy, Southfleet Road, Swanscombe, DA10 0BZ

Temple Hill Community Centre

Temple Hill Square, Dartford, DA1 5HY

Coldharbour Road Library

3 Coldharbour Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, DA11 8AE

Hive House Library

Hive House, The Hive, Northfleet, DA11 9DE

Gravesend Library

Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BE

Gravesham Borough Council

Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1AU

Maidstone County Hall

County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ

Stone Pavilion

Hayes Road, Stone, Greenhithe, DA9 9DS

They may also be provided on request to Highways England using the following contact details:

Email: info@highwaysengland.co.uk

Postal address: Mr. Brian Gash, Senior Project Manager, Highways England, Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford GU1 4LZ

Telephone: 0300 123 5000

CD copies of all consultation materials can be provided free of charge. Paper copies of the scheme summary leaflet, this section 48 Notice and the Statement of Community Consultation will be available at the above listed locations and will be supplied free of charge.

For paper copies of any other consultation materials, including the PEIR, a reasonable copying charge will be made to cover printing, postage and VAT at 20%, up to a maximum of £200. Please contact Highways England for details regarding payment methods, this notice, the consultation or the scheme using the contact details below.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. A consultation feedback form is available as part of the consultation materials. Responses must be received between **Wednesday 21 February 2018** and **Wednesday 4 April 2018**. When providing your response, please include your name and address, or, if you would prefer your comments to remain anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the scheme.

Please respond to the consultation by:

- **completing the online consultation feedback form online at** www.highways.gov.uk/a2be
- **completing a paper copy of the feedback form** which can be found inside the consultation brochure for the proposed scheme and returning it to **Freepost A2BE Public Consultation.**

Alternatively, any other comments can be made in writing and emailed to A2BeanandEbbsfleetJunctionsImprovements@highwaysengland.co.uk or sent to the FREEPOST address above, quoting the reference: A2 Bean and Ebbsfleet public consultation.

All comments must be received no later than **23:45 on Wednesday 4 April 2018.**

Highways England will consider and have regard to all responses when developing the Application for a Development Consent Order, once the 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.

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