

Section 48 Planning Act 2008

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

Regulation 13 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended)

M3 Junction 9 Improvements

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 M3 junction 9 Improvement Scheme in Winchester, Hampshire.

The proposed improvements involve providing free-flowing road links between the M3 and the A34 both northbound and southbound with no need to enter the junction 9 roundabout to travel between the A34 and M3. The A34 southbound link will pass under the M3 with a 50mph speed limit. These changes will reduce congestion on the newly designed dumbbell road layout, helping to make journey times more reliable, improve road safety and reduce air pollution.

Existing routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders within the scheme boundary will be maintained or upgraded as appropriate. The current path through

junction 9, which is part of the National Cycle Route Network (route 23 or NCR 23), will be upgraded to provide a safe continuous link through to Easton Lane, which gives access to Winnall and Winchester.

Development of the proposed improvements would involve utility diversions and a temporary construction compound alongside the A34.

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

Consultation on the proposals will take place from 2 July to 27 August 2019. Copies of the consultation brochure and response forms will be available free of charge from 2 July to 27 August 2019 at the following locations and times:

| Deposit/display location | Address | Opening times |
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| Winchester Discovery Centre | Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB | 9am – 7pm Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm Saturday, 11am – 3pm Sunday |
| Winchester Tourist Information Centre | Winchester Guildhall, High Street, Winchester SO23 9GH | 10am – 5pm Monday to Saturday |
| Winchester City Council – Customer Services Centre | City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ | 8.30am – 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am – 4.30pm Friday |
| Kings Worthy Community Centre | Fraser Road, Kings, Worthy, SO23 7PJ | Open during specific events. Call 01962 884150 to confirm opening hours. |
| Winnall Community Centre | Garbett Road, Winchester SO23 0NY | Open during specific events. Call 01962 860558 to confirm opening hours. |
| M3 Moto Services, Winchester | M3 between junctions 8 and 9 SO21 1PP | Open 24 hours |
| A34 Road Chef Services | Sutton Scotney, SO21 3JY | Open 24 hours |
| Tesco Extra, Winnall (foyer) | Easton Lane, Winnall, SO23 7RS | Open 24 hours (Monday to Saturday) 1am – 4pm Sunday |

Copies of all the consultation materials, including the PEIR and the Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) will also be available online free of charge from 2 July 2019 from the consultation website: highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/m3-junction-9-improvements-statutory-consultation

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

- M3junction9Improvements@highwaysengland.co.uk
- FREEPOST M3 Junction 9
- 0300 123 5000

CD copies of all consultation materials can be provided free of charge. Paper copies of the scheme consultation brochure and feedback form, this Section 48 Notice and the SoCC will be supplied free of charge on request. For paper copies of any other materials, including the PEIR, a reasonable charge will need to be made to cover printing, postage and VAT at 20%, up to a maximum of £200. Please contact Highways England using the contact details above for details regarding payment methods.

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this notice. Responses must be received between 2 July and 27 August 2019. A consultation feedback form is available as part of the consultation materials. This will be available on the consultation website. 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.

Please supply any response:

- **Online:** highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/m3-junction-9-improvements-statutory-consultation
- **By email:**
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- **By post:** FREEPOST M3 Junction 9

Consultation responses must be received no later than 23.59pm 27 August 2019 or, if later, 28 days from the date of this notice. Responses received after this time may not be considered.

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 for Transport 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.

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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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