

Highways

Department for Transport

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

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The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT ('the Secretary of State') is considering implementation of a project for widening the A21 between Tonbridge and Pembury south of Tonbridge in the County of Kent.

By a Notice on 11 December 2009 the Secretary of State published the above listed draft Orders and an Environmental Statement as required by Part VA of the Highways Act 1980.

In March 2010 the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government ('the Secretaries of State') gave notice that Public Local Inquiries would be held into the Secretary of State's proposals for the above listed draft Orders and the objections which have been made in connection with these proposals.

In June 2010 the Secretaries of State wrote to all statutory objectors and other interested parties stating that it had been decided to postpone the Public Local Inquiries for the time being.

In December 2012 the Secretaries of State wrote to all statutory objectors and other interested parties stating that the statutory process is to be resumed and that Public Local Inquiries will be held on a date and at a place to be announced.

The Secretary of State has determined that in view of the time since publication of the draft orders and the Environmental Statement in December 2009 it is necessary to publish a Revised Environmental Statement to enable him to determine whether to make the draft Orders listed above.

The draft Orders listed above would provide for the following:

1. An Order under sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980 which will provide that roads which the Secretary of State proposes to construct (the "new main road and slip roads") along the following routes shall become trunk roads from the date when the Order comes into force:

- (a) a route to connect the A21 Tonbridge Bypass south of Tonbridge with the A21 Pembury Road west of Pembury.
- (b) four routes from the A21 Pembury Road to and from the southbound and northbound carriageways of the trunk road which the Secretary of State proposes to construct at Fairthorne.
- (c) four routes from the A21 Pembury Road including two roundabouts to and from the southbound and northbound carriageways of the trunk road which the Secretary of State proposes to construct at the Longfield Road / Tonbridge Road junction at Pembury

2. An Order under sections 10 and 12 of the Highways Act 1980 which will provide that the length of the A21 Trunk Road to be superseded by the new trunk road shall cease to be a trunk road and that the lengths remaining shall be classified as a classified road from the date on which the Secretary of State notifies the Kent County Council that the new trunk road is open for traffic

3. An Order under sections 12,14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980, in relation to the A21 Trunk Road as proposed to be improved by the Secretary of State and the slip roads to be constructed by him at Tonbridge, Fairthorne and Pembury in the County of Kent, which will:

- (1) authorise him to :
 - (a) improve highways,
 - (b) stop-up highways
 - (c) construct new highways,
 - (d) stop up private means of access to premises, and
 - (e) provide new means of access to premises

All between Tonbridge and Pembury in the vicinity of the A21 Trunk Road and the slip roads; and

(2) Provide for the transfer of each new highway to the Kent County Council as highway authority as from the date on which the Secretary of State notifies them that it has been completed and is open for traffic.

4. Four Orders, numbered 4, 5, 6 and 7 above, under sections 10, 12,14, 41, 125 and 326 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, would revoke:

- The A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge Bypass to Pembury Bypass Dualling) Order 1996.
- The A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge Bypass to Pembury Bypass Dualling Side Roads) Order 1996.
- The A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge Bypass to Pembury Bypass Dualling Slip Roads) Order 1996.
- The A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge Bypass to Pembury Bypass Dualling) (Detrunking) Order 1996.

Copies of each draft Order and the plans referred to in them, and of the Revised Environmental Statement may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours from 18 February 2013 until 2 April 2013 at the Highways Agency, Major Projects (South), Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SZ; Tonbridge Library, Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1TG; Pembury Library, The Hop House, Hemwood Green Road, Pembury, TN2 4HS; Tunbridge Wells Library, Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1NS; Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS; Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council Gateway, Tonbridge Castle, Castle Street, Tonbridge, TN9 1BG and Kent County Council Reception, Invicta House, County Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

Copies of the draft Orders and the Environmental Statement may be bought from the Highways Agency at the address given below priced £85 for the draft Orders and £100 for the Revised Environmental Statement or £5 for all on a CD. A copy of the Revised Environmental Statement is also available on-line at www.highways.gov.uk.

ANY PERSON MAY OBJECT to the making of any of these Orders or comment on the Revised Environmental Statement not later than 2 April 2013 by notice to the Secretary of State for Transport at the offices of the Highways Agency, Major Projects (South), Room 2A, Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH14 1SZ, quoting reference HA 065/023/58. Any objection to an Order must give the grounds on which it is made. In the preparation of an objection and the statement of grounds of objection, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it will be made available to the independent Inspector appointed for the Public Local Inquiries and may be communicated to other people who may be affected.

All objections to and comments on the draft Orders and all comments to the Environmental Statement 2009 received in 2009/10 will also be made available to the independent Inspector appointed for the Public Local Inquiries and may be communicated to other people who may be affected.

Before deciding whether to proceed with the project the Secretary of State will consider any comments made about the Environmental Statement and the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will consider jointly any objections to the draft orders and the Inspector's report of the Public Local Inquiries.

Further information on the project and this notice may be obtained from the Highways Agency, (contact Graham Link, 01306 878122 graham.link@highways.gsi.gov.uk).

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HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 116

STOPPING-UP OF HIGHWAY – PART OF COWM PARK WAY SOUTH, WHITWORTH, ROSSENDALE BOROUGH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council, being the Highway Authority, intend to apply to the Magistrates Court sitting at The Court House, Colne Road, Reedley, Burnley, on Thursday 21st March, 2013, at 10.00 am, for an Order authorising the stopping-up of a length of approximately 220 sq metres of highway, known as Cowm Park Way South (part), Whitworth, Rossendale.

A copy of the Map showing the proposal may be inspected, free of charge, at all reasonable hours, at my offices, and at the offices of the Rossendale Borough Council, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup, Rossendale and also at the One Stop Shop, Rossendale Borough Council, Town Centre Offices, Lord Street, Rawtenstall, Rossendale, until the date of the Hearing.