

**DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT AND  
DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

**ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981**

**1. THE A23 TRUNK ROAD (HANDCROSS TO WARNINGLID WIDENING  
SLIP ROADS) ORDER 200**

**2. THE A23 TRUNK ROAD (HANDCROSS TO WARNINGLID WIDENING  
SIDE ROADS) ORDER 200**

**3. THE A23 TRUNK ROAD (HANDCROSS TO WARNINGLID  
WIDENING) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER (No MP....) 200**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Public Local Inquiries will be held at Slaugham Manor Training and Conference Centre, Slaugham, West Sussex RH17 6AJ starting at 10.00am on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009 into the Secretary of State for Transport's proposal to make the Orders listed below, and into the objections which he has received in connection with that proposal.

THE INQUIRIES will be held by Mr C.Tyrrell, MA (Oxon) CEng, MICE, FIHT, a person appointed, on the nomination of the Planning Inspectorate, by the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for the purpose of the inquiries into the Orders.

THE ORDERS in question are:-

1. The A23 Trunk Road (Handcross to Warninglid Widening Slip Roads) Order 20., which was published in draft on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008. This is an Order under sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, would provide that certain roads which the Secretary of State proposes to construct along routes described in the Order shall become trunk roads from the date when the Order comes into force.

2. The A23 Trunk Road (Handcross to Warninglid Widening Side Roads) Order 20, which was published in draft on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008. This is an Order under sections 12, 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, would –

(a) authorise the Secretary of State for Transport to improve highways, stop up highways, construct new highways, stop up private means of access to premises and provide new means of access to premises at Handcross, Slaugham and Warninglid in the vicinity of the A23 Trunk Road and the Slip Roads;

- (b) provide for the transfer of each new highway to the West Sussex County Council as highway authority; and
- (c) provide that one of the new highways shall be classified as a classified road.

3 The A23 Trunk Road (Handcross to Warninglid Widening) Compulsory Purchase Order (No MP ) 20, which was published in draft on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2008. This is an Order under sections 239, 240, 246 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980 and section 2 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 which, if made, would authorise the Secretary of State for Transport to purchase compulsorily the land and rights over land described in the Schedule to the Order for the purpose of:-

- a) the construction of the new trunk roads at Handcross, Slaugham and Warninglid in the Parishes of Slaugham and Ansty and Staplefield in the District of Mid Sussex;
- b) the construction and improvement of highways and the provision of new means of access to premises in those parishes and district;
- c) the improvement of the Trunk Road in those parishes and district ;
- d) the diversion of watercourses and the execution of other works on watercourses in connection with the construction of the new trunk roads, the construction and improvement of other highways and the execution of other works mentioned above;
- e) use by the Secretary of State for Transport in connection with such construction and improvement of highways and the execution of other works mentioned above; and
- f) the mitigation of any adverse effects which the existence or use of the highways proposed to be constructed or improved will have on their surroundings.

PROCEEDINGS on the draft Orders are being taken concurrently in accordance with section 257 of, and paragraph 20 in Schedule 1 to, the Highways Act 1980.

COPIES of the draft Orders and of the plans referred to in them have been deposited and may be seen at all reasonable hours free of charge, at the Highways Agency, Major Projects (South), Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SZ; West Sussex County Council, County Hall, West Street, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RQ; Mid Sussex District Council,

Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SS;  
Handcross Post Office, High Street, Handcross, West Sussex, RH17 6BJ;  
Whitemans Green Post Office, Whitemans Green, Cuckfield, West Sussex  
RH17 5BY and at Haywards Heath Library, 34 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath,  
West Sussex, RH16 1BN

THE INSPECTOR will hear representations from statutory objectors, as defined in the Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2007 so far as concerns the Order numbered 3 above, and in the Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1994 so far as concerns the other Orders named above. He will also, at his discretion, hear representations from any other persons who may desire to appear and be heard.

OBJECTORS are reminded that the substance of any objection or representation may be communicated to other people who may be affected by it; that it will be passed to the Inspector holding the Inquiries; and that he may be required to disclose at the Inquiries the objection or representation and, unless there are special reasons to the contrary, the identity of the author.

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