

**DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT  
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

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SIDE ROADS) ORDER 200 .**

The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT is considering implementation of a project for widening the A23 between Handcross and Warninglid south of Crawley in the County of West Sussex.

He gives notice that to enable him to determine whether to implement the project he has published an Environmental Statement as required by Part VA of the Highways Act 1980, and proposes to make the following Orders:

1. An Order under sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980 which will provide that roads which he proposes to construct (the "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 B2110 Brighton Road with the southbound carriageway of the trunk road which the Secretary of State proposes to improve at Handcross
  - (b) two routes from the B2110 Horsham Road to and from the northbound carriageway of the trunk road which the Secretary of State proposes to improve at Handcross
  - (c) four routes from the C96 Staplefield Road to and from the southbound and northbound carriageways of the trunk road which the Secretary of State proposes to improve at Slaugham, and

- (d) three routes from the B2115 Cuckfield Lane including a roundabout to and from the northbound carriageway of the trunk road which the Secretary of State proposes to improve at Warninglid.

2. An Order under sections 12, 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980, in relation to the A23 Trunk Road as proposed to be improved by him and the slip roads to be constructed by him at Handcross, Slaugham and Warninglid in the County of West Sussex, 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 Handcross and Warninglid in the vicinity of the A23 Trunk Road and the slip roads; and

(2) provide for the transfer of each new highway to the West Sussex County Council as highway authority as from the date on which he notifies them that it has been completed and is open for traffic.

COPIES of each draft Order and the plans referred to in them, and of the Environmental Statement may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours from 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008 until 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009, or within 13 weeks from

the date of first publication of this notice if that period expires later, at the Highways Agency, Major Projects (South), Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SZ and of 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. Copies of the Orders and the Environmental Statement may be bought from the Highways Agency at the address given below priced £285 or £5 on CD. A copy of the Environmental Statement is also available on-line at [www.highways.gov.uk](http://www.highways.gov.uk) until 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009.

ANY PERSON MAY OBJECT to the making of any of these Orders or comment on the Environmental Statement not later than 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009, or within 13 weeks from the date of first publication of this notice if that period expires later, 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, RH4 1SZ, quoting reference HA 065/023/000113. 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 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.

Further information on the project and this notice may be obtained from Mr Chris Bacon (01306 878448 : [chris.bacon@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:chris.bacon@highways.gsi.gov.uk)) or from Mrs Ann Kidd (01306 878122 : [ann.kidd@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ann.kidd@highways.gsi.gov.uk))

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