

**DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT gives notice that he has:

1. considered the Environmental Statement and the comments made in response to its publication and has taken a decision to proceed with the project; and
2. made, with modifications, the following Orders:
 - a. 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, and
 - (c) 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.
 - b. 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 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 the decision letters (and the Inspectors Report following Public Inquiry) and a copy of each Order and the plans referred to in it have been deposited 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, where they are open to inspection free of charge at all reasonable hours.

COPIES of the Order numbered 2a above can be purchased through booksellers or direct from government bookshops (The Stationery Office). Copies of the Order numbered 2b above can be obtained from the Highways Agency, Major Projects (South), Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SZ. Copies of the Environmental Statement can be purchased from the Highways Agency at the same address priced £285 or £5 on CD. The Environmental Statement is also available on-line at www.highways.gsi.gov.uk.

ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED by the decision taken to proceed following the publication of the Environmental Statement and the comments thereon or by an Order mentioned in this notice who desires to question its validity, or the validity of any provision in it, on the ground that:

- (a) it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, or
- (b) any requirement of that Act or of regulations made under that Act has not been complied with in relation to that Order or decision,

may apply to the High Court within 6 weeks from the date of first publication of this notice. On such an application, the Court may suspend or quash that Order or decision or any provision in it.

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