
DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE A11 TRUNK ROAD (FIVEWAYS TO THETFORD IMPROVEMENT AND
SLIP ROADS) ORDER (20..)
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ROADS) ORDER (20..)

The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT is considering implementation of a project for the dualling of the A11 Trunk Road between the Fiveways Roundabout and Thetford.

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:
 - (1) provide that roads which he proposes to construct along the following routes shall become trunk roads from the date when the Order comes into force:
 - (a) a route (“the main route”) 4.5 kilometres in length from a point on the A11 Trunk Road 1,150 metres west of its junction with the B1106 to a point 1,430 metres east of its junction with the C633 at Elveden Gap in the County of Suffolk;
 - (b) a route from the eastbound carriageway of the main new road to the new line of the B1106 at Elveden in the County of Suffolk for a distance of 173 metres;
 - (c) a route from the westbound carriageway of the main new road to the new line of the B1106 at Elveden in the County of Suffolk for a distance of 236 metres; and
 - (d) a route from the westbound carriageway of the A11 Trunk Road to the length of the A11 Trunk Road proposed to be detrunked by the Secretary of State and superseded by the new main road at Elveden Gap in the County of Suffolk for a distance of 165 metres

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2. An Order under sections 10 and 12 of the Highways Act 1980 which will provide that a length of the A11 Trunk Road between Elveden and Elveden Gap in the County of Suffolk to be superseded by the new trunk road on the main route shall cease to be a trunk road and shall be classified as a classified road, as from the date on which the Secretary of State for Transport notifies Suffolk County Council (who will become the highway authority responsible for that length) that the new trunk road on the main route is open for traffic.
3. An Order under sections 12, 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980, in relation to the A11 Trunk Road and the new trunk road to be constructed by the Secretary of State between Fiveways Roundabout in the County of Suffolk to Thetford Roundabout in the County of Norfolk, 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,
 - (e) provide new means of access to premises,

all in the vicinity of the new road on the main route; and
 - (2) provide for the transfer of each new highway to either Suffolk County Council or Norfolk County Council the highway authority specified for it in the Order 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 plan referred to in it and of the Environmental Statement may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours from 20 November 2008 until 19 February 2009, or within 13 weeks from the date of first publication of this notice if that period expires later, at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW; and at Suffolk County Council, Shire Hall, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1RX; Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH; Forest Heath District Council, District Offices, College Heath Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk, IP28 7EY; Mildenhall Library, Chestnut Close, Mildenhall, Suffolk, IP28 7NL; Thetford Library, Raymond Street, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 2EA. Copies of the Environmental Statement may be bought from the Highways Agency at the address given below priced at approximately £100 for a complete set (individual volumes priced separately) or a CD is available free of charge. A copy of the Environmental Statement is also available on-line at www.highways.gov.uk/roads/projects/4248.aspx

ANY PERSON MAY OBJECT to the making of any of these Orders or comment on the Environmental Statement not later than 19 February 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, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW and marked for the attention of Sara Parker quoting reference HA 65/19/86. 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 the Highways Agency's Bedford office at the address above or by telephoning 01234 796627 or by email a11fivewaystotheftfordimprovement@highways.gsi.gov.uk

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