

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE A14 TRUNK ROAD (HAUGHLEY NEW STREET TO STOWMARKET IMPROVEMENT AND DETRUNKING) ORDER 20..

THE A14 TRUNK ROAD (HAUGHLEY NEW STREET TO STOWMARKET IMPROVEMENT) SIDE ROADS ORDER 20..

THE A14 TRUNK ROAD (HAUGHLEY NEW STREET TO STOWMARKET IMPROVEMENT) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER (MP No. 48) 20..

THE A14 TRUNK ROAD (HAUGHLEY NEW STREET TO STOWMARKET IMPROVEMENT) PROHIBITION OF VARIOUS TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS ORDER 20..

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Local Inquiry will be held at The Cedars Hotel, Needham Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 2AJ starting at 10 am on Tuesday 14 November 2006 until 17 November 2006 and then, if the Public Inquiry has not concluded at The Ron Crascall Pavilion, King George's Fields, Green Lane, Haughley IP14 3QZ starting at 10 am on Tuesday 21 November 2006 into the Secretary of State for Transport's proposal to make the Orders listed above and into objections which he has received in connection with that proposal.

THE INQUIRY will be held by Mr John P Watson FIHT, MICE, BSc, 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 inquiry into the orders.

THE ORDERS in question are:-

1. The A14 Trunk Road (Haughley New Street to Stowmarket Improvement and Detrunking) Order 20.., which was published in draft on 31 March 2006. This is an order under section 10, 12 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, would
 - a. Provide that the roads he proposes to construct along the following routes become trunk roads from the date when the order comes into force:
 - i. a route ("the main route") 2.85 kilometres in length, from a point on the existing A14 Trunk Road 300 metres east of Haughley Bushes accommodation bridge to a point on the Trunk Road at its junction with Shepherds Lane U4502 in the county of Suffolk; and
 - ii. four slip roads to connect the main route with other highways at a new junction to be constructed opposite Tot Hill Farm
 - b. Provide that the lengths of the Trunk Road to be superseded by the new trunk road on the main route shall cease to be trunk road, and shall now be classified roads, as from the date on which the Secretary of State for Transport notifies Suffolk County Council (who will become

the highway authority responsible for those lengths) that the new trunk road on the main route is open to traffic.

2. The A14 Trunk Road (Haughley New Street to Stowmarket Improvement) (Side Roads) Order 20.., which was published in draft on 31 March 2006. 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, provide new means of access to premises, at Haughley or in the vicinity of the new trunk road;
 - b. provide for the transfer of each new highway to the Suffolk County Council as highway authority; and
 - c. provide that certain lengths of the new highway shall be classified as classified roads.

3. The A14 Trunk Road (Haughley New Street to Stowmarket Improvement) Compulsory Purchase Order (MP No 48) 20.., which was published in draft on 31 March 2006. This is an order under sections 239, 240 and 246 of the Highways Act 1980, as extended and supplemented by section 250 of the Act and under 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 construction of the proposals published on 31 March 2006.

4. The A14 Trunk Road (Haughley New Street to Stowmarket Improvement) (Prohibition of various Traffic Movements) Order 20.., which was published in draft on 31 March 2006. This is an order under sections 1(1) and 2(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which if made, would
 - a. not permit any vehicle or person to enter or leave the eastbound carriageway between –
 - i. a point where it diverges from the westbound carriageway at Haughley New Street to its junction with the western boundary of The Folly, and
 - ii. its junction with the eastern boundary of The Folly to its junction with Fishponds Way.
 - b. the provisions of the article do not apply to
 - i. – a person riding a bicycle or a horse;
 - ii. an agricultural motor vehicle,
 - iii. a vehicle being used for maintenance purposes on behalf of Suffolk County Council; and
 - iv. a vehicle being used by a statutory undertaker requiring access to equipment.

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.

The Highways Agency proposes to undertake improvements along a 3.7km (2.3) stretch of the A14, located to the west of Stowmarket.

The proposed scheme would comprise a new off-line section of dual carriageway to the south of the existing road and the introduction of a new access two level junction between Fishponds Way and the existing A14 Stowmarket junction.

Copies of the draft Orders and of the plans referred to in them will be deposited, and may be seen at all reasonable hours free of charge, from 6th October 2006 at the offices of the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW; at the offices of the Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX; and Mid Suffolk District Council, Council Offices, 131 High Street, Needham Market, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8DL; and at Stowmarket Library, Milton Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 1EX.

THE INSPECTOR will hear representations from statutory objectors, as defined in the *Compulsory Purchase by Ministers (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1994* 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.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT hereby direct that any person who intends at the inquiries to submit –

- a) that any highway or proposed highway to which any of the draft Orders relates should follow an alternative route, or
- b) that instead of improving, diverting or altering a highway to which the draft Order relates, a new highway should be constructed on a particular route,

shall send to them to, Major Projects, Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW and Brenda Taplin, Programming Officer, Persona Associates, West Point, Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2PD not later than 20 October 2006 sufficient information about the alternative route or the route of the new highway to enable it to be identified. Failure to comply with this direction will entitle the person holding the inquiries and the Secretary of State to disregard so much of any objection as consists of such a submission.

Dated 13 October 2006

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Highways Agency