

**SECTION 56, PLANNING ACT 2008  
REGULATION 9, INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING  
(APPLICATIONS PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009  
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL  
PROPOSED CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL  
(WOODSIDE LINK HOUGHTON REGIS) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER  
APPLICATION REFERENCE: TR010011**

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION FOR  
A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application by Central Bedfordshire Council ("the Council") of Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ for a development consent order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application"). The Application was submitted by the Council to the Secretary of State, c/o The Planning Inspectorate ("PINS"), on 14 May 2013 and was accepted on 11 June 2013. The PINS application reference number is TR010011.

**Summary of the Scheme**

The Council is proposing a new road linking the Woodside Industrial Estate in Houghton Regis to the planned Junction 11A of the M1 ("the Scheme"). The project involves the construction of approximately 2.90 kilometres of new road, comprising approximately 2.55 kilometres of single carriageway road and approximately 0.35 kilometres of dual carriageway. The purpose of the Link Road is to reduce traffic in Houghton Regis and Dunstable, especially heavy good vehicles accessing Woodside Industrial Estate. HGVs currently use the A5 and A505 through Dunstable town centre. The Link Road would provide an alternative route away from the town centre, effectively avoiding and reducing the current congestion in the existing urban areas.

The Application seeks a DCO authorising the construction of the new road and, amongst other things:

- the improvement and construction of approach roads;
- the construction of footways and cycleways;
- the construction of associated highway drainage, including drainage ponds;
- the provision of landscaping and environmental mitigation works;
- the diversion of public utility apparatus;
- the diversion of Houghton Brook;
- the stopping up of roads;
- the temporary stopping up and diversion of roads, and the imposition of traffic management measures, to allow construction of the Scheme;
- the compulsory acquisition of land and rights in land, and powers to occupy land temporarily, to allow the Council to carry out and maintain the Scheme;
- the imposition of speed limits.

**Environmental Impact Assessment**

The Scheme is "EIA development" for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. This means that it constitutes development for which Environmental Impact Assessment is required. The Council's application for a DCO is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement, containing the information that is required for the Secretary of State to make that assessment.

**Copies of application documents**

A copy of the application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps is available for inspection free of charge from Monday 24 June 2013 until Monday 29 July 2013, at the following locations and times set out below:

Venue	Opening Hours
Central Bedfordshire Council Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5TU	8:30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4.00pm Friday
Central Bedfordshire Council Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 1LF	8:30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 4.00pm Friday
Luton Borough Council Development Control, Town Hall, George Street, Luton LU1 2BQ	8:45am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday 8.45am to 4.45pm Friday

Copies of the application documents can be viewed online on the relevant page for this Scheme, accessible via PINS' website – see: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/woodside-connection-houghton-regis-bedfordshire/?ipcsection=folder>

It will also be made available from the above locations free of charge on a CD. Facilities will be available for copying parts of the application at a charge of 20p per A4 page, 40p per A3 page and £10 per A1 plan. They can also be provided on request made by email to [myjourney@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:myjourney@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) or by telephoning 0845 365 6146.

**Responding to the application**

To make a representation to the Secretary of State in respect of the Scheme (i.e. giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application) you must submit it on a registration form. Detailed guidance on registering and making representations is provided by PINS in *Advice Note 8.3: Putting your case to the IPC*, which can be accessed online at <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Advice-note-8.3v4.pdf> and to which you are advised to have regard.

Representations should be submitted on a fully completed Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation form. You should include a summary of the points you wish to make about the application, covering what you consider to be the main issues, what you agree with or disagree with in the Application and why, and what you consider the impacts will be.

The Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation form will be made available by PINS on the relevant page for this Scheme, accessible via PINS' website – see: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/woodside-connection-houghton-regis-bedfordshire/>. Alternatively you can request a hard copy of the form by telephoning 0303 444 5000 and by quoting the name of the Scheme. Any hard copy form to be submitted to PINS should be sent to The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The PINS reference number (TR010011) should be quoted in any correspondence.

**Any representation must be received by PINS no later than 23:59 on Monday 29 July 2013.**

Please note that representations will be made public.

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