

The Inquiries will be held by Sir Peter Bairsto K.B.E., C.B., A.F.C., D.L., C.B.I.M., a person appointed, on the nomination of the Lord Chancellor, by the Secretaries of State for the Environment and Transport for the purpose of the inquiries into the following Orders:

1. The A66 Trunk Road (Long Newton Grade Separated Junction Slip Roads) Order 199 , which was published in draft on 23rd January 1995. This is an Order under sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, would provide that certain roads which the Secretary of State for Transport proposes to construct along routes described in the Order shall become trunk roads from the date when the Order comes into force.
2. The A66 Trunk Road (Long Newton Grade Separated Junction Side Roads) Order 199 , which was published in draft on 23rd January 1995. 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 and provide new means of access to premises;
 - (b) provide that certain of the new highways shall be classified as classified roads.
3. The A66 Trunk Road (Long Newton Grade Separated Junction) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. N) 199 , which was published in draft on 20th February 1995 and 27th February 1995. This is an Order under sections 239 and 240 of the Highways Act 1980, as extended and supplemented by sections 250 of the Act and under section 2 and paragraph 1(1) and (3) of Schedule 2 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, and all other enabling powers, which, if made, would authorise the Secretary of State for Transport to purchase compulsorily:
 - (a) the land and rights over land described in the Schedule 1 to the Order for the purpose of:
 - (i) the improvement of the A66 Trunk Road at Long Newton, in the parishes of Long Newton and Elton, in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees, in the county of Cleveland, in pursuance of the Order at (1) above;
 - (ii) the construction and improvement of highways and the provision of new means of access to premises at Long Newton, in the parishes of Long Newton and Elton, in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees, in the said county, in pursuance of the Order at (2) above;
 - (iii) the diversion of watercourses and execution of other works on watercourses in connection with the construction of the new trunk road and slip roads and the construction and improvement of other highways;
 - (iv) use by the Secretary of State in connection with such construction and improvement of highways and the execution of other works mentioned above, and appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport, for the purpose of the Inquiry into the following Order:

4. The A66 Trunk Road (Long Newton to Elton) (Prohibition of Use of Gaps in Central Reservation) Order 199 , which was published in draft on 7th April 1995. This is an Order under sections 1(1) and 2(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), which would prohibit traffic from using Central Reservation Gaps at Long Newton, in the parishes of Long Newton and Elton, in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees, in the said county.

Proceedings on the draft Orders numbered 1-3 above are being taken concurrently in accordance with section 257 of, and paragraph 20 of Schedule 1 to the Highways Act 1980.

Copies of the draft Orders and of the plans referred to in them have been deposited, and may be seen at all reasonable hours, free of charge, at the Department of Transport, Room S3/04, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB; at the offices of the Director, Highways Agency, Northern Network Management Division, City House, Leeds; Cleveland County Council, PO Box 100A, Municipal Buildings, Middlesbrough; Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees; The Post Office, Grass Croft, Long Newton, Cleveland; and at Yarm Public Library, High Street, Yarm.

The Inspector will hear representations from statutory objectors, as defined in the Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1994 and The Compulsory Purchase by Ministers (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1994. 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 Secretaries of State for the Environment and Transport 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 the Secretary of State for Transport at Northern Network Management Division, PO Box 206, City House, New Station Street, Leeds LS1 4UR, not later than 29th August 1995, 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 Secretaries of State to disregard so much of any objection as consists of such a submission.

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