

Junction 13 with other highways at Husborne Crawley in the County of Bedfordshire.

2. An Order under Section 18 of the Highways Act 1980 in relation to the M1 Motorway Junction 13 at Husborne Crawley in the County of Bedfordshire which will authorise him to stop up the four existing slip roads.

3. Provide for each of the new special roads to become a trunk road on the date the scheme comes into force.

COPIES of each draft Order and the plans referred to in them, may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours from 22 March 2007 to 21 June 2007, or within thirteen weeks from that date of first publication of this notice if that period expires later, at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW and at Bedfordshire County Council, County Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP; Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HQ; Bedford Borough Council, Town Hall, St Paul's Square, Bedford MK40 1SJ; Mid-Bedfordshire District Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Beds SG17 5QT; Forest Centre, Marston Vale, Millennium Country Park, Station Road, Marston Moretaine, Bedford MK43 0PR; Wootton Library, Lorraine Road, Wootton, Bedfordshire MK43 9LH; Kempston Public Library, Halsey Road, Kempston, Bedford MK42 8AT; and Bedford Central Library, Harpur Street, Bedford MK40 1PG.

ANY PERSON MAY OBJECT to the making of any of these Orders not later than 21 June 2007, or within thirteen 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, marked for the attention of Yvonne Tomkins and quoting reference HA 65/019/120 and stating the grounds of objection. In the preparation of an objection and the statement of grounds of objection, it should be borne in mind that the substance of any objection or representation may be communicated to other people who may be affected by it. Further information relating to this notice may be obtained from the Highways Agency's Bedford office at the address above or by telephoning 01234 796143 or by email A421M1toBedford@highways.gsi.gov.uk.

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DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE A421 TRUNK ROAD (M1 JUNCTION 13 TO BEDFORD IMPROVEMENTS AND DETRUNKING) ORDER 20

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT UNDER SECTION 105A(3) OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT hereby gives notice that he proposes to make the following Orders:

1. An Order under Sections 10, 12 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") 11.8 kilometres in length from M1 Junction 13 to a point on the existing A421 Trunk Road 347 metres east of Marsh Leys Junction at Kempston in the County of Bedfordshire;

(b) a route 300 metres in length from a point 301 metres northwest of the A421/M1/A507 roundabout to a point 27 metres west of the A507 Bedford Road at Husborne Crawley in the County of Bedfordshire;

(c) a route 600 metres in length northwestwards from a point 30 metres south of A421 Trunk Road junction with Salford Road at Hulcote and Salford in the County of Bedfordshire;

(d) a route 1.2 kilometres in length from a point on the existing A421 Trunk Road opposite the access road for North Common Farm to a point on the A421 Trunk Road 81 metres east of Footpath FP5 at Brogborough in the County of Bedfordshire;

(e) a roundabout centred at a point 300 metres from the junction with the A421 Trunk Road, the M1 northbound slip roads and A507 61

metres west of the A421 county road at Husborne Crawley in the County of Bedfordshire;

(f) two slip roads to connect the main route with a new signalised junction with Salford Road at Brogborough in the County of Bedfordshire;

(g) four slip roads to connect the main route with new roundabouts at Beacroft Road, at Marston Moretaine in the County of Bedfordshire;

(h) four slip roads to connect the main route with a new roundabout at Marsh Leys at Kempston in the County of Bedfordshire;

(i) a new roundabout centred at a point on the existing A421 Trunk Road 6 metres north from the A421 Trunk Road junction with the M1 Junction 13 southbound slip roads at Husborne Crawley in the County of Bedfordshire; and

(j) a new roundabout centred at a point on the A507 (Bedford Road) 3 metres south from the centre point of the existing roundabout junction with the A507, A421 Trunk Road and the M1 Junction 13 northbound slip roads at Husborne Crawley in the County of Bedfordshire.

(2) provide that lengths of the Trunk Road to be superseded by the new trunk road shall cease to be trunk road, and shall be classified as classified roads, as from the date on which the Secretary of State for Transport notifies the Bedfordshire County Council (who will become the highway authority responsible for those lengths) that the new trunk road on the main route is open for traffic.

2. An Order under Sections 12, 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980, in relation to the A421 Trunk Road and the new trunk roads to be constructed by him at Husborne Crawley, Hulcote, Salford, Aspley Guise, Brogborough, Liddington, Marston Moretaine, Wootton, Stewartby, Kempston and Elstow in the County of Bedfordshire, 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 each new highway to the Bedfordshire County Council as highway authority as from the date on which he notifies them that it has been completed and is open for traffic.

3. The Secretary of State also hereby gives notice that he has determined that his proposal to realign the A421 Trunk Road between M1 Junction 13 and Bedford, which is a relevant project within the meaning of Section 105A(1) of the Highways Act 1980 is subject to environmental impact assessment in accordance with part VA of the Highways Act 1980, implementing Directive 85/337/EEC as amended by Directive 97/11/EC.

COPIES of each draft Order and the plans referred to in it and of the environmental statement which the Secretary of State for Transport has published in relation to the construction of the new highways and the improvement of existing highways referred to in the draft Orders, may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours from 22 March 2007 until 21 June 2007, or within thirteen 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; Bedfordshire County Council, County Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP; Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HQ; Bedford Borough Council, Town Hall, St Paul's Square, Bedford, MK40 1SJ; Mid-Bedfordshire District Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Beds SG17 5QT; Forest Centre, Marston Vale, Millennium Country Park, Station Road, Marston Moretaine, Bedford MK43 0PR; Wootton Library, Lorraine Road, Wootton, Bedfordshire MK43 9LH; Kempston Public Library, Halsey Road, Kempston, Bedford MK42 8AT; and Bedford Central Library, Harpur Street, Bedford MK40 1PG.

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