

Highways Agency**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980****ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981****A421 TRUNK ROAD (GREAT BARFORD BYPASS AND SLIP ROADS) ORDER 20****A421 TRUNK ROAD (GREAT BARFORD BYPASS DETRUNKING) ORDER 20****A421 TRUNK ROAD (GREAT BARFORD BYPASS SIDE ROADS) ORDER 20****A421 TRUNK ROAD (GREAT BARFORD BYPASS) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 20****A421 TRUNK ROAD (GREAT BARFORD BYPASS SUPPLEMENTARY SIDE ROADS) ORDER 20****A421 TRUNK ROAD (GREATBARFORD BYPASS) SUPPLEMENTARY COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 20**

Notice is hereby given that Public Local Inquiries will be held at the Moat House Hotel, St Mary's Street, Bedford starting at 10.00 am on Tuesday 28 January 2003 into the Secretary of State for Transport's proposal to make the Orders listed below, and into the objections which he has received in connection with that proposal.

The inquiries will be held by Mr A L Roberts, a person appointed, on the nomination of the Lord Chancellor, by the Secretary of State for Transport and the First Secretary of State, for the purpose of the inquiries into the Orders.

The Orders in question are:

1. The A421 Trunk Road (Great Barford Bypass and Slip Roads) Order 20, which was published in draft on 28 February 2002. This is an Order under sections 10 and 14 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 A421 Trunk Road (Great Barford Bypass Detrunking) Order 20, which was published in draft on 28 February 2002. This is an Order under sections 10 and 14 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, would provide that a length of the A421 Trunk Road between its junction with the Bedford Southern Bypass and the Black Cat roundabout junction with the A1 Trunk Road shall cease to be a trunk road from the date on which the Secretary of State for Transport notifies the Bedfordshire County Council that the new trunk roads are open for traffic.

3. The A421 Trunk Road (Great Barford Bypass Side Roads) Order 20, which was published in draft on 28 February 2002. This is an Order under sections 12, 14, and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, would:

- 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 to access to premises, at Great Barford or in the vicinity of the new trunk road;
- provide for the transfer of each new highway to the Bedfordshire County Council as highway authority; and
- provide that certain of the new highways shall be classified as classified roads.

4. The A421 Trunk Road (Great Barford Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order 20, which was published in draft on 14 March 2002. This is an Order under sections 239, 240 and 246 of the Highways Act 1980, as extended and supplemented by section 2 of that Act and under 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 Schedules to the Order for the purpose of construction of the proposals published on 28 February 2002.

5. The A421 Trunk Road (Great Barford Bypass Supplementary Side Roads) Order 20, which was published in draft on 26 September 2002. This is an Order under sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, would:

- improve highways, and
- provide new means of access to premises at Great Barford or in the vicinity of the route of the new trunk road.

6. The A421 Trunk Road, (Great Barford Bypass) Supplementary Compulsory Purchase Order 20, which was published on 26 September 2002. This is an Order under sections 239, 240 and 246 of the Highways Act 1980 and supplemented by section 250 of that Act and under section 2 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 which, if made, would authorise the Secretary of State for Transport to acquire compulsorily the land and rights over land described in the Schedules to the Order for the purpose of construction of the proposals published on 28 February 2002 and 26 September 2002.

Proceedings on the draft Orders are being taken concurrently in accordance with section 257 of, and paragraph 20 in Schedule 1 to, The Highway 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 Highways Agency, Room 244, Heron House, 49-53 Goldington Road, Bedford; Bedfordshire County Council, County Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford; Bedford Borough Council, Town Hall, St Paul's Square, Bedford; Bedford Central Library, Harpur Street, Bedford; Renhold Post Office; Great Barford Post Office; Roxton Post Office and DfT Records Management Branch, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1 6DE.

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 Orders numbered 4 and 6 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 hereby directs that any person who intends at the inquiries to submit—

- that any highway or proposed highway to which any of the draft Orders relates should follow an alternative route, or
- 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,
- that the improvement, or diversions of a highway should take a different form from the proposed Orders,

shall send to the Secretary of State for Transport at Room 244, Heron House, 49-53 Goldington Road, Bedford MK40 3LL not later than 7 January 2003 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.

M Wherret, a Principal Officer in the Highways Agency

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Medway Council**NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO STOP UP HIGHWAY PURSUANT TO SECTION 116 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

Notice is hereby given that the Medway Council of Civic Centre, Strood ME2 4AU, the Highway Authority, intends to apply to the Magistrates Court sitting at the Court House, The Brook, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JZ, on Wednesday 12 February 2003, at the hour of 2.00 pm for an Order that part of the highway namely alley to the flank of 3 Valley Road, alley between 27 and 29 Valley Road, alley between 43 and 45 Valley Road, alley between 61 and 63 Valley Road, alley to the rear of 109 to 119 Sturdee Avenue, alley between 107 and 109 Sturdee Avenue, alley between 77 and 79 Sturdee Avenue, and alley to the flank of Foresters Hall, 61 Sturdee Avenue, Gillingham, be stopped up as it is considered that the highway is unnecessary and surplus to highway requirements. The effect of the Order is shown on a plan, a copy of which may be inspected, free of charge, at the office of the Council at Civic Centre, Strood, Compass Centre, Chatham, Municipal Buildings, Gillingham and Local Office, Military Road, Chatham, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday.

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