

Transport and Works Act 1992

Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, Rule 17

Proposed Midland Metro (Birmingham Eastside Extension) Order

NOTICE OF FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

On 4 October 2016, the West Midlands Combined Authority ("the WMCA") of 16 Summer Lane, Birmingham, B19 3SD applied to the Secretary of State for Transport under section 6 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 for the above-mentioned Order to be made under sections 1 and 5 of that Act ("the application").

The proposed Order provides for the construction and operation of a new tramway in the city of Birmingham as an extension to the existing Midland Metro tramway system ("the scheme"). The proposed new tramway would join the existing tramway from the junction of Bull Street with Corporation Street, running east along Bull Street, across Moor Street Queensway, continuing south under the proposed new High Speed 2 station at Curzon Street and along New Canal Street and Meriden Street, before continuing east along High Street Deritend where the tramway terminates. The proposed Order also authorises the construction of stops for the tramway, the compulsory purchase of land and rights over land, the temporary use of land, the temporary stopping up of streets, street works, temporary and permanent traffic regulation measures, and such other works and operations as may be necessary or expedient in connection with the construction or operation of the scheme.

The application is subject to an environmental impact assessment and the WMCA has today supplied to the Secretary of State for Transport further information relating to the environmental impact assessment. This further information takes the form of (a) an Update to the Environmental Statement that was submitted with the application; and (b) an Update to the Transport Assessment that was submitted with the application.

The Update to the Environmental Statement contains updates to the following assessments reported in the Environmental Statement: Traffic and Transport; Noise and Vibration; Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases. These updates have arisen as a result of Birmingham City Council amending its strategic transport model since the date of the application. The Update to the Transport Assessment updates the original assessments undertaken in the Transport Assessment to take account of these changes made by Birmingham City Council.

Copies of the Update to the Environmental Statement and Update to the Transport Assessment may be inspected free of charge from 5 October 2017 until 16 November 2017 at the following address:

The Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2ND -
Monday and Tuesday: 11:00am to 7:00pm; Wednesday to Saturday: 11:00am to 5:00pm; Sunday: closed.

Copies of that information may be downloaded free of charge from the project website: <http://www.metroalliance.co.uk/eastside-extension> or obtained for £30 by applying to the TWA Support Officer, The Midland Metro Alliance, 4th Floor, Alpha Tower, Suffolk Street Queensway, Birmingham, B1 1TT or by telephone 0121 643 8729 or email www.metroalliance.co.uk/contact-us.

Any representations about the Update to the Environmental Statement and the Update to the Transport Assessment should be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport c/o Transport and Works Act Orders Unit, General Counsel's Office, Department for Transport, Zone 1/18, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR (email transportandworksact@dft.gsi.gov.uk).

Any such representations MUST (i) be received by the Secretary of State on or before 16 November 2017, (ii) be made in writing (whether sent by post or e-mail), (iii) state the grounds of the representation, (iv) indicate who is making the representation, and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the representations may be sent. (If you are sending your representations by e-mail, please provide a postal address.)

The Secretary of State may make complete copies of any representations public, including any personal information contained in them, and will copy them to the WMCA as the applicant for the order.

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