## DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

## HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 AND ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981

## PUBLIC INQUIRIES TO BE HELD AS A VIRTUAL EVENT

NOTICE is hereby given that Public Local Inquiries in connection with the Orders mentioned below, will be held by an Inspector appointed for this purpose by the Secretary of State for Transport, and will **begin at 10.00am on Tuesday 21 September 2021.** The Inquiries will be held as a virtual event, run by an Inspector in the normal way but with the parties invited to join via Microsoft Teams or telephone.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Pre-Inquiries Meeting will be held as a virtual event **beginning at 11.00 am on Tuesday 6 July 2021** where the Inspector will arrange the timetable for the proceedings in connection with the Orders named below. The right to make representations at the Public Local Inquiries will in no way be prejudiced by the inability to attend or be represented at the Pre-Inquiries Meeting.

The Inquiries are being held to hear representations about the Orders from remaining objectors (as defined in the Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2007) and statutory objectors (as defined in the Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1994), from any other persons having an interest in the land the subject of the Compulsory Purchase Order and, at his discretion, to hear representations from any other persons who may desire to appear and be heard.

The Orders have been made by Leicestershire County Council under the abovementioned Acts and submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation and are:

(1) THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A606 NORTH & EAST MELTON MOWBRAY DISTRIBUTOR ROAD, CLASSIFIED ROAD) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 2020. This is an Order under Sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980.

(2) THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A606 NORTH AND EAST MELTON MOWBRAY DISTRIBUTOR ROAD) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2020. This is an Order under Sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980.

THE ORDERS relate to proposals known as the A606 North and East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road between the A606 Nottingham Road and the A606 Burton Road, to the north and east of Melton Mowbray, in the Borough of Melton, all in the County of Leicestershire.

COPIES of the Orders and of the plans referred to therein can be viewed on the Leicestershire County Council website at <a href="https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/north-and-east-melton-mowbray-distributor-road-scheme/statement-of-case-documentation-list">https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/north-and-east-melton-mowbray-distributor-road-scheme/statement-of-case-documentation-list</a>.

COPIES of any proofs of evidence, sent to or by the promoting authority, will also be made available via this link.

Anyone wishing to attend the Inquiries and/or at the Inspector's discretion give their views, must make their interest known to the Planning Inspectorate as soon as possible prior to the Inquiry. Please make it clear in your response whether you wish only to appear at the Inquiry, make a statement or whether you would also wish to ask questions on particular topics. Those wishing to join the meeting should contact <u>ETC@planninginspectorate.gov.uk</u> quoting the DPI reference number (DPI/M2460/21/2) and giving their contact details. Alternatively, telephone 0303 4445572. Registered participants will receive individual joining instructions, providing details of any requirements, guidance and support, for joining by Teams or telephone.

If you want to take an active part but feel unable to for any reason, and/or the points you want to make are not covered in the evidence of others, please consider whether someone else could raise them on your behalf.

PROCEEDINGS on the above-mentioned Orders are being taken concurrently by virtue of Section 257 of the Highways Act 1980.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT hereby directs that any person who intends to submit at the Inquiries that any highway or proposed highway to which the Orders, or either of them relate should follow an alternative route, or that, instead of improving, diverting or altering a highway to which the Orders, or either of them relate, a new highway should be constructed on a particular route, shall send to him at Department for Transport, National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR or

nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk, not later than **31 August 2021**, sufficient information about the alternative route or the route of the new highway, as the case may be, to enable it to be identified. Failure to comply with this direction will entitle the Secretary of State and the person holding the Inquiries to disregard so much of any objection as consists of such a submission.

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