

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT
DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976
AND
ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981

NOTICE is hereby given that joint Public Local Inquiries in connection with the Orders mentioned below will be held by an Inspector appointed for the purpose by the Secretary of State for Transport and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government **beginning at 10.00 am on Tuesday 10 November 2009 at the White Rock Theatre, White Rock, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1JX** to hear representations 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 Orders and, at his discretion, to hear representations from any other persons who may desire to appear and be heard.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Pre-Inquiries Meeting will be held on **Thursday 3 September 2009 at De La Warr Pavilion, Marina, Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex, TN40 1DP starting at 2.00 pm** where the Inspector will arrange the timetable for the proceedings in connection with the above named Orders. 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 ORDERS are: -

(1) THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BEXHILL TO HASTINGS LINK ROAD) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 2009. This is an Order made by East Sussex County Council under sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if confirmed by the Secretary of State for Transport, will authorise the Council to:-

- (a) improve highways;
- (b) stop up highways;
- (c) construct new highways;
- (d) stop up private means of access to premises; and
- (e) provide new means of access to premises,

all on or in the vicinity of the route of the classified road being the new highway which the Council proposes to construct from the A259 Trunk Road/A269 London Road junction at Bexhill north-eastwards and then eastwards to a point 145 metres north of the B2092/C93 Queensway/Crowhurst Road junction at Hastings.

(2) THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BEXHILL TO HASTINGS LINK ROAD) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2009. This is an Order made by East Sussex County Council under sections 239, 240, 246, 250 and 260 of the Highways

Act 1980 and section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 which, if confirmed by the Secretary of State for Transport, will authorise the Council to purchase compulsorily the land and rights over the land described therein for the purposes of:

- (a) the construction and improvement of highways between the A259 King Offa Way at its junction with A269 London Road, at Bexhill, East Sussex and the B2092 Queensway 145 metres north of its junction with C93 Crowhurst Road in Hastings, East Sussex;
- (b) the construction of other highways, improvement of existing highways and the provision of new means of access to premises in pursuance of The East Sussex County Council (Bexhill – Hastings Link Road) (Side Roads) Order 2009;
- (c) use by the acquiring authority in connection with the construction and improvement of highways and the provision of new means of access to premises as aforesaid;
- (d) mitigating the adverse affect which the existence or use of the highways proposed to be constructed or improved (as mentioned in article (a) and (b) above will have on the surrounding thereof;
- (e) the carrying out of works on watercourses in connection with the construction and improvement of highways as aforesaid;

(3) THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (BEXHILL TO HASTINGS LINK ROAD) (PLANNING) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2009. This is an Order which has been made by East Sussex County Council under section 226(1)(b) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 which, if confirmed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, will authorise the Council to purchase compulsorily the land and rights for the purpose of compensating for the loss of or damage to areas of wildlife habitat and attractive countryside as a result of the construction and improvement of highways in connection with the Bexhill to Hastings Link Road;

The land to be acquired through the Compulsory Purchase Order mentioned at (3) above is required to facilitate the provision of replacement areas, being a purpose which it is necessary to achieve in the interests of the proper planning of an area in which the land is situated, and being a purpose which is likely to contribute to the promotion or improvement of the economic social and environmental wellbeing of the area which is to be compulsorily purchased through the Compulsory Purchase Order mentioned at (2) above.

COPIES of the above-mentioned Orders and of the plans referred to therein have been deposited and may be seen at all reasonable hours free of charge at the offices of the Rother District Council, Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN39 3JX and at Hastings Borough Council, Town Hall, Queens Road, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1QR and at East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1SG.

COPIES of any proofs of evidence sent to or by the promoting authority are also available for inspection, at the offices of the East Sussex County Council from 20 October 2009.

PROCEEDINGS on the Orders numbered (1) and (2) above 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 (1) and (2) or either of them relate should follow an alternative route, or that, instead of improving, diverting or altering a highway to which those Orders or either of them relate, a new highway should be constructed on a particular route, shall send to him at Local Authority Orders, Department for Transport, Government Office for the North East, Citygate, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4WH, not later than 20 October 2009 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 for Transport and the person holding the Inquiries to disregard so much of any objection as consists of such a submission.

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