

DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
AND
ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981

PUBLIC INQUIRY TO BE HELD AS A VIRTUAL EVENT

NOTICE is hereby given that a Public Inquiry in connection with the Order mentioned below, will be held by an Inspector appointed for this purpose by the Secretary of State for Transport, and will **begin at 10.00 am on 27 October 2020**. The Inquiry 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.

The Inquiry is being held to hear representations about the Order from remaining objectors (as defined in the Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2007), 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 Order is an Order which has been made by The City of Stoke-On-Trent under the above-mentioned Acts and submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation. Namely:- ***THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOKE-ON-TRENT COBRIDGE JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2019***.

An Order under sections 239, 240, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980, relating to the improvement of the highway at the junction of Waterloo Road, Cobridge Road and Elder Road at Cobridge, Stoke.

Copies of the Order and of the plans referred to therein can be viewed on the Council's website at

https://www.stoke.gov.uk/directory_record/334844/cobridge_compulsory_purchase_order_public_inquiry/category/294/planning_and_building. Copies of any proofs of evidence, sent to or by the promoting authority, will also be available via this link from 06 October.

Anyone wishing to attend the Inquiry 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. The Planning Inspectorate can be contacted by email at ETC@planninginspectorate.gov.uk, or by telephone on 0303 4445572, quoting reference DPI/M3455/20/4. 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.

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