

CAMBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

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Traffic Matters & Road Safety

14.1 A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET IMPROVEMENTS



Good Afternoon

**A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET IMPROVEMENTS
PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 56: NOTIFYING PERSONS OF ACCEPTED
APPLICATION**

**THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND
PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009: REGULATION 8
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
REGULATIONS 2017: REGULATION 16**

I am writing regarding the proposed A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements (the Scheme) which is a new 10 mile (16km) dual 2-lane carriageway from the Black Cat roundabout in Bedfordshire to the Caxton Gibbet roundabout in Cambridgeshire, to be known as the A421 (the new dual carriageway) and in addition approximately 1.8 miles (3km) of tie-in works.

The Scheme also includes the following components:

- A new three-level grade separated junction at Black Cat roundabout, with the A1 at the lower level, the new dual carriageway on the upper level and a roundabout between the two at approximately existing ground level. In addition to slip roads, a new free flowing link between the A421 eastbound carriageway and the A1 northbound carriageway will also be provided.
- A new grade separated all movements junction will be constructed to the east of the existing Cambridge Road roundabout to provide access to the new dual carriageway and maintain access to the existing A428.
- At the Caxton Gibbet roundabout, a new grade separated all movements junction will be constructed, incorporating the existing roundabout on the south side of the new dual carriageway and a new roundabout on the north side. The new dual carriageway will then tie-in to the existing A428 dual carriageway to the east of the new Caxton Gibbet junction.
- In the vicinity of the new Black Cat junction, direct access onto the A1 from some local side roads and private premises will be closed for safety reasons. A new local road will provide an alternative route. The existing Roxton Road bridge will be

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demolished and replaced with a new structure to the west to accommodate the realigned A421.

- New crossings will be constructed to enable the new dual carriageway to cross the River Great Ouse, East Coast Main Line railway, Barford Road, the B1046/Potton Road, Toseland Road and the existing A428 at Eltisley.
- The existing A428 between St Neots and Caxton Gibbet will be de-trunked and retained for local traffic and public transport with maintenance responsibility transferred to the local highway authorities.
- An alternative access will be provided to side roads at Chawston, Wyboston and Eltisley.
- There will be safer routes for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders.

The Scheme also involves changes to a number of existing utilities, including the diversion of a high pressure gas pipeline operated by Cadent Gas Limited which runs parallel to the East Coast Main Line east of the River Great Ouse in Tempsford, Central Bedfordshire (the Diversion). To the extent that the Diversion satisfies the criteria to be considered an NSIP under section 20 of the Planning Act 2008, the Diversion will be treated as an NSIP in its own right.

Highways England is seeking development consent for the Scheme under the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act). This legislation requires Highways England to make an application to the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to get the consent we need to build the Scheme.

Highways England submitted its application for a DCO on 26 February 2021 (Application). The Application was accepted for examination by the Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 23 March 2021. Highways England is writing to you because it is required to notify you of the accepted Application.

In accordance with the 2008 Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, please find below links to the following documents:

- A copy of a [section 56 notice](#), providing formal notification of acceptance of the Application and
- [The accepted Application](#) (including a copy of the Environmental Statement and a map showing the location of the Scheme – this is document TR010044/APP/2.1 (Location Plan) in the Application)

Further information regarding the availability of the DCO Application documents and where you can view them is included in the [section 56 notice](#). Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (that is: giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application). Details of the way in which representations must be made are included in the [section 56 notice](#). Representations must be received by the Inspectorate no later than **10 June 2021**. Please note that any submitted representations to the Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website for the Application.

For further information about the Application, please contact us using the following details:

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Yours sincerely

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