

**THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE - A40 ACCESS TO WITNEY)  
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023**

**The Highways Act 1980  
and The Acquisition of Land Act 1981**

COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND ALONG A LENGTH OF THE A40 PRINCIPAL ROAD WHICH LIES TO THE SOUTH WEST OF THE OVERBRIDGE CROSSING OF THE B4022, A LENGTH AND PART WIDTHS OF THE B4022 AS EXTENDS GENERALLY EAST SOUTH-EASTWARDS, THEN NORTH EASTWARDS, FROM THE JUNCTION OF THE PRIVATE ACCESS TO 'THE BARN HOUSE' AT CLEMENTSFIELD FARM TO THE JUNCTION OF THE C16886 SOUTH LEIGH ROAD; A PART WIDTH OF THE C16886 SOUTH LEIGH ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE B4022; AND OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, GRASSLAND, WOODLAND, AND OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS, ADJACENT TO THE AFOREMENTIONED LENGTHS OF THE A40 PRINCIPAL ROAD, B4022 AND C16886, AT SOUTH LEIGH, WITNEY

1. Notice is hereby given that Oxfordshire County Council has made on the 27 June 2023 The Oxfordshire County Council (Highways Infrastructure – A40 Access to Witney) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 under Sections 239, 240, 246 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) and Parts II and III of Schedule 2, and Schedule 3 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981. It is about to submit this Order to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation, and if confirmed, the Order will authorise Oxfordshire County Council to purchase compulsorily the land described below for the purposes of: -

- (1) the improvement of the A40 Principal Road, from a point on the south west side of the A40 overbridge crossing of the B4022, at South Leigh, south westwards for a distance of approximately 775 metres, and incorporating the construction of a new eastbound exit slip road, from a point on the existing A40 approximately 520 metres south west of the A40 overbridge crossing of the B4022, north eastwards to its junction with the B4022, and a new westbound entry slip road, from its junction with the B4022, south westwards to its junction with the A40, at a point approximately 280 metres south west of the A40 overbridge crossing of the B4022;
- (2) the improvement of highways in pursuance of The Oxfordshire County Council (Highways Infrastructure – A40 Access to Witney) (Side Roads) Order 2023;
- (3) the carrying out of works on watercourses, in connection with the improvement of highways as aforesaid;
- (4) the use by the acquiring authority in connection with the improvement of highways as aforesaid;
- (5) the improvement or development of frontages to the above-mentioned existing highways or of the land adjoining or adjacent thereto; and
- (6) mitigating the adverse effect which the existence or use of the highways to be improved will have on the surroundings thereof.

2. A copy of the Order and of the accompanying Order Map may be seen at:

- The offices of Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1DJ  
(Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- Witney Library, Welch Way, Witney OX28 6JH  
(Monday – 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Saturday – 9.00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday – Closed)

(Note: The library opening hours maybe subject to change – the latest opening hours can be found at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-library/witney-library> )

In addition, a copy of the Order and its relevant plans have been made available online on the Council's website at:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/a40programme/a40-access-witney>

3. If no relevant objection as defined in Section 13(6) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 is made, or if all such objections made are withdrawn, or if the confirming authority is satisfied that every objection made relates exclusively to matters of compensation which can be dealt with by the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber), the confirming authority may confirm the Order with or without modifications.

4. In any other case where a relevant objection has been made which is not withdrawn or disregarded, the confirming authority is required, before confirming the Order either –

- (i) to cause a Public Local Inquiry to be held; or
- (ii) to afford to the objector an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the confirming authority for the purpose; or
- (iii) with the consent of the objector to follow a written representations procedure.

5. The confirming authority may then, after considering the objection and the report of the person who held the inquiry or hearing or considered the written representations, confirm the Order with or without modifications. In the event that there is no objection, whether by a qualifying person or otherwise, the confirming authority may in certain circumstances permit the acquiring authority to determine confirmation of the Order.

6. Any objection to the Order may be made in writing to the Secretary of State for Transport, Department for Transport, National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR or by email to [nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk](mailto:nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk) before **8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**, and should state the title of the Order, the grounds of the objection and the objector's address and interests in the land. It should be noted that your personal data and correspondence will be passed by the Secretary of State for Transport to the Acquiring Authority to enable your objection to be considered. Where the Order becomes the subject of Public Local Inquiry procedures, all correspondence is copied to the Inspector conducting the Inquiry and will be kept in the Public Inquiry library, where it is made available for public access. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your objection and the Secretary of State will copy your representations, with your name and address removed, to the Acquiring Authority and if there is to be a Public Local Inquiry they will be seen by the Inspector, who may give them less weight as a result.

**Existing All Purpose Highway (Roads) Land**

***A40 Principal Road***

45,323 square metres of highway land carrying the public highway of the A40 Principal Road and integral woodland and shrubland verges and cutting embankments (**Plots 1/1, 1/3a, and 1/9**), lying to the south west of the B4022, to the north west of Springhill Farm, to the west and north west of High Cogges Farm and residential properties 'Ladymead Cottage', 'Meadow View', 'The Paddocks', 'Long Acre', 'Heath Farm Cottage', 'White Gates', 'Timble Croft', and 'Edgeways', situated on the High Cogges road, High Cogges

***B4022***

13,081 square metres of land carrying the public highway of the B4022, comprising carriageway, southern footway and grassed and tree planted verges, including bus shelter, as extends generally east south-eastwards, then north eastwards, from the junction of the private access to 'The Barn House' at Clementsfield Farm to the junction of the C16886 South Leigh Road, together with a northern part width of the B4022 as extends eastwards off the B4022 Oxford Hill, lying to the north and north west of the residential property 'The Paddock' and to the south of the western end of the southern curtilage of the residential property 'Shores Green', Shores Green, Witney (**Plots 1/3b and 1/3d**)

3,708 square metres of part widths of the public highway of the B4022 and of the B4022 Oxford Hill, comprising carriageway, pedestrian/cyclist use integral cycle tracks, and grassed and tree planted verges, as extends generally eastwards from the junction of the private access to 'The Barn House' at Clementsfield Farm and lying to the south of agricultural land and the western end of the southern curtilage of the residential property 'Shores Green' and to the north and west of the western end of the northern curtilage of the residential property 'The Paddock', Shores Green, Witney (**Plots 1/5, 1/6a, 1/6b**)

***C16886 South Leigh Road***

201 square metres of a south western part width of the C16886 South Leigh Road, at its junction with the B4022 (**Plot 1/12**)

**Agricultural Land, Woodland, Grassland and public Footpaths**

26,566 square metres of woodland and grassland, agricultural fields, and the whole of public Footpaths 410/41/30 and 410/41/40 (Witney) and lengths of Footpaths 410/41/20, 410/42/20 and 410/8/20 (Witney), as lie on the north west side of the A40 Principal Road and to the south west of the B4022 (**Plots 1/2a, 1/2b, 1/2c, 1/2d, 1/2e, 1/2f and 1/2g**)

11 square metres of a length of Footpath 353/31/10 (South Leigh), and grassed and tree planted verge, lying to the south of the B4022 and to the west and north west of residential properties 'Ladymead Cottage', 'Meadow View', 'The Paddocks', 'Long Acre', 'Heath Farm Cottage', 'White Gates', 'Timble Croft', and 'Edgeways', situated on the High Cogges road, High Cogges, Witney (**Plot 1/3c**)

5,389 square metres of agricultural land of High Cogges Farm, lying to the south east of the A40 Principal Road and generally to the west of residential properties 'Ladymead Cottage', 'Meadow View', 'The Paddocks', 'Long Acre', 'Heath Farm Cottage', 'White Gates', 'Timble Croft', and 'Edgeways', situated on the High Cogges road, and a length of public Footpath 353/31/10 (South Leigh), High Cogges, Witney (**Plots 1/4a and 1/4b**)

3,076 square metres of agricultural land (**Plots 1/7a and 1/7b**) lying to the south east of the A40 Principal Road and to the west and north west of 'Ladymead Cottage', 'Meadow View', 'The Paddocks', 'Long Acre', 'Heath Farm Cottage', 'White Gates', 'Timble Croft', and 'Edgeways', situated on the High Cogges road, High Cogges and 113 square metres of two strip plots of land (**Plots 1/8 and 1/10**) which lie immediately to the north west of the former land and abutting the south east boundary of the A40 Principal Road.

9,686 square metres of agricultural land and lengths of drainage ditches, lying to the south east of the A40 Principal Road, to the south and south west of the B4022 and to the north and north west of 'Ladymead Cottage', 'Meadow View', 'The Paddocks', 'Long Acre', 'Heath Farm Cottage', 'White Gates', 'Timble Croft', and 'Edgeways', situated on the High Cogges road, High Cogges (**Plots 1/11a and 1/11b**).



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