OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DIDCOT TO CULHAM THAMES BRIDGE) SCHEME 2022

THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DIDCOT GARDEN TOWN HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE – A4130 IMPROVEMENT (MILTON GATE TO COLLETT ROUNDABOUT), A4197 DIDCOT TO CULHAM LINK ROAD, AND A415 CLIFTON HAMPDEN BYPASS) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 2022

Oxfordshire County Council ("the Council") hereby gives notice that it has made, and is about to submit to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation –

- (1) A Scheme under Section 106(3) of the Highways Act 1980, which will authorise Oxfordshire County Council to construct a 65 metres single span Bridge over the navigable waters of the River Thames, clearing entirely the navigable waterway, and having a headway of 4.7 metres, based on the proposed soffit level of 51.502 metres AOD, over the standard headwater level at Clifton Lock of 46.802 metres AOD, as part of the highway which it is proposing to construct between the A4130 at Didcot in the south and the A415 at Culham in the north, in the Parishes of Sutton Courtenay and Culham, in the Districts of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, in the County of Oxfordshire.
- (2) An Order under Sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980, which will authorise Oxfordshire County Council to
 - (i) Improve highways (including raising, lowering or otherwise altering);
 - (ii) Stop up highways;
 - (iii) Construct new highways;
 - (iv) Stop up private means of access to premises; and
 - (v) Provide new means of access to premises,

all on or in the vicinity of the routes of the Classified Roads which are: -

- (i) the A4130 Principal Road which the Council propose to improve from a point approximately 38 metres south west of its junction with Milton Gate, generally eastwards, to and including a new roundabout junction to be located to the east of the junction of the A4130 Principal Road with the private access track, known as former Backhill Lane, then generally eastwards, to and including a new roundabout junction to be located some 142 metres east of the junction of the A4130 Principal Road with Bridleway 243/1/10 (Harwell)/Cow Lane, then generally eastwards for 208 metres, to a point 160 metres east of the proposed A4130 roundabout;
- (ii) the highway which the Council propose to construct, as the proposed A4130 Principal Road, from a point on the existing A4130 Principal Road at its proposed roundabout junction to be located some 142 metres east of the junction of the A4130 Principal Road with Bridleway 243/1/10 (Harwell)/Cow Lane, generally south eastwards, for a distance of 260 metres to and including a new roundabout junction, to be known as the A4130 Science Bridge Roundabout, then north eastwards, crossing over the A4130 Principal Road, the Great Western Railway Line and the

Classified Unnumbered Milton Road on bridge, then north eastwards, to junction with the A4130 Principal Road, approximately 110 metres north of the A4130/Hawksworth roundabout junction;

- (iii) the A4130 Principal Road which the Council propose to improve from a point approximately 110 metres north of its roundabout junction with Hawksworth, north eastwards to and including an enlarged roundabout junction with Collett, then eastwards for a distance of approximately 193 metres to the west side of the Cherwell Valley Railway Line corridor at Didcot North Junction;
- (iv) the highway which the Council propose to construct, as the A4197 Principal Road, from its junction with the A4130 enlarged roundabout junction with Collett, northwards, crossing over a private Railway Line, known as the Appleford Sidings, on bridge, to the general north north-west of Appleford Level Crossing, then generally north north-westwards, passing to the west of Appleford, to and including a new Sutton Courtenay roundabout junction with the B4016 on the south side of the River Thames, then northwards on viaduct, crossing over the River Thames on bridge, then northwards, to its junction with the A415 Abingdon Road, at a new Abingdon Roundabout junction, just to the north of the agricultural outbuildings of Zouch Farm;
- (v) the A415 Abingdon Road Principal Road which the Council propose to improve from a point approximately 392 metres west of its junction with the private access track to the agricultural outbuildings of Zouch Farm, eastwards to and including a new Abingdon Roundabout junction, located just to the north west of the aforementioned access track, then eastwards to a point approximately 250 metres east of its bridge crossing over the Cherwell Valley Railway Line at Culham Station; and
- (vi) the highway which the Council propose to construct, as the A415 Clifton Hampden Bypass, from a point on the A415 Abingdon Road approximately 250 metres east of its bridge crossing over the Cherwell Valley Railway Line at Culham Station, eastwards to and including a new roundabout junction lying to the south east of Culham No 1 Site and to the south west of Culham Science Centre, then north eastwards, passing on the north west side of Fullamoor Farm (Agricultural Unit) and Culham Sewage Treatment Works, then north eastwards, passing to the north west and north of Clifton Hampden, to its junction with the B4015 Oxford Road, at a point approximately 320 metres north its junction with the Private Access Track to Home Farm House and Fig Tree Barn, at Clifton Hampden.

A copy of the Bridge Scheme and the Side Roads Order and of their relevant plans have been deposited, and may be inspected free of charge 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.)

Didcot Library, 197 Broadway, Didcot OX11 8RU (Monday - 1:00 p.m - 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday - 9.00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Sunday - Closed)

Abingdon Library, The Charter, Abingdon OX14 3LY (Monday -9:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.; Tuesday -9:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.; Wednesday -9:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.; Thursday -9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.; Friday -9:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.; and Saturday -9:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.; Sunday -Closed)

Berinsfield Library, Green Furlong, Berinsfield, Wallingford OX10 7NR (Monday – Closed; Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Thursday – 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; Friday – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday – 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Sunday – Closed)

In addition, a copy of the Bridge Scheme and the Side Roads Order and their relevant plans have been made available online on the Council's website at:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/roadworks/future-transport-projects/didcot-and-area-improvements

ANY PERSON may not later than 22 March 2023, object to the confirmation of the Bridge Scheme or the Side Roads Order by notice to the Secretary of State for Transport, at the National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR, or by email to nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk stating the title of the Bridge Scheme or the Side Roads Order and the grounds of their objection. In the preparation of an objection and the statement of grounds of objection it should be borne in mind that the substance of any objection or representation may be communicated to other people who may be affected by it.

In submitting an objection or representation, it should be noted that your personal data and correspondence will be passed by the Secretary of State for Transport to the Council to enable your objection or representation to be considered. Where the Bridge Scheme or Side Roads 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 or representation and the Secretary of State will copy your representations, with your name and address removed, to the Council and if there is to be a Public Local Inquiry they will be seen in that form by the Inspector, who may give them less weight as a result.

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