



No Road through Rimrose Valley!

Highways England Project Timeline as at 25th September 2017

Planning Stage	Approx date	Explanation
Non-statutory consultation on the options culminating in the preferred route announcement	Completed August 17	Highways England has completed the non-statutory consultation on the options which culminated in their preferred route announcement
Pre-application	Spring 2018	The process begins when the Planning Inspectorate is informed by Highways England that they intend to submit an application to us in the future. Before submitting an application, H.E. is required to carry out extensive consultation on their proposals. The length of time taken to prepare and consult on the project will vary depending upon its scale and complexity. Responding to H.E.'s pre-application consultation is an opportunity for people and organisations to influence the project, whether we agree with it, disagree with it or believe it could be improved.
Acceptance	Summer 2018	Acceptance is the period when H.E. has to submit their Development Consent Application to the Planning Inspectorate and is programmed for summer 2018
Pre-examination <i>Note that this step and all subsequent steps are carried out to a committed and fixed legislative timescale. Prior to this step the process can be delayed or brought forward but once we get to this stage there is little anyone can do to change the timeline</i>	Autumn 2018	Pre –examination is as confirmed on the planning Inspectorate web site: “At this stage, the public will be able to register with the Planning Inspectorate and provide a summary of their views of the application in writing. At pre-examination stage, everyone who has registered and made a relevant representation will be invited to attend a preliminary meeting run and chaired by an Inspector. This stage of the process takes approximately 3 months from the developer’s formal notification and publicity of an accepted application. H.E. has this period in the programme as Autumn 2018
Examination	winter 18/spring 19	The Planning Inspectorate has six months to carry out the examination. During this stage, people who have registered to have their say, are invited to provide more details of their views in writing. The Examining Authority is obliged to give careful consideration to all the important and relevant matters, including the representations of all interested parties, any evidence submitted and answers provided to questions set out in writing and explained at hearings.
Decision	winter 19	The Secretary of State for Transport will make his decision whether this scheme is to proceed. This will follow the recommendation that is made by the Planning Inspectorate after the completion of the examination period. This is programmed for winter 2019
Post Decision	spring 2020	Post decision includes a period for dealing with any possible legal challenges and is programmed for spring 2020