

Leicestershire County Council

A6006 Zouch Bridge Replacement

**The Leicestershire County Council (Zouch
Bridge Replacement) Bridge Scheme 2017**

Statement of Reasons

October 2017

BRIDGE SCHEME STATEMENT OF REASONS

Council Resolution

1. Leicestershire County Council ('the County Council') resolved on 5th February 2016 both for itself and on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council (pursuant to an agreement made under Section 8 Highways Act 1980) to make 'The Leicestershire County Council (Zouch Bridge Replacement) Bridge Scheme 2017' ('the Bridge Scheme') under Section 106(3) of the Highways Act 1980.

Statutory Provisions

2. Section 106(3) of the Highways Act 1980 provides for the County Council to adopt a scheme to construct a bridge over a navigable river as part of the provision of the new road.

Related Orders

3. In addition to the Bridge Scheme, the County Council has promoted 'The Leicestershire County Council (Zouch Bridge Replacement) Compulsory Purchase Order 2017' (under Sections 239, 240, 246 and 250 of the Highways Act 1980 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981) and 'The Leicestershire County Council (A6006 Zouch Bridge Replacement, Classified Road) Side Roads Order 2017' (under Sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980) together referred to as 'the Orders'.
4. Upon confirmation, these Orders are intended to facilitate the replacement of the existing Zouch Bridge, which the County Council considers is nearing the end of its useful life. The Bridge Scheme would enable a new bridge to be constructed, which would eventually replace the current structure.

Replacement of Zouch Bridge

5. The Bridge Scheme provides for the construction of a 3 span bridge carrying the A6006 between the Counties of Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire over the navigable River Soar.
6. The Scheme would relocate Zouch Bridge from its present position to a parallel location (as shown on the location plan annexed hereto). In the event that the Orders are confirmed, the County Council intends to construct the new bridge (carrying the A6006) pursuant to the Bridge Scheme and open it to traffic prior to stopping up the existing route across Zouch Bridge. This would allow for replacement of the bridge, without subjecting road users to a lengthy diversionary route during the period of the construction works.

The Bridge Scheme

7. The Specification contains details of the points of commencement and termination, the span structure, the headway/waterway measurements and the overall dimensions, and is included in the Schedule to the Bridge Scheme.
8. The location and general design of the bridge is shown on the plan accompanying the Bridge Scheme which is numbered MC0303-008B.

Canal and River Trust

9. The County Council has engaged with the Canal and River Trust in discussions prior to the making of the Bridge Scheme.

Conclusion

10. The Bridge Scheme complements the Orders and is to facilitate works that the County Council considers are needed to deliver the replacement bridge across the River Soar.

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