

Leicestershire County Council

A6006 Zouch Bridge Replacement

**The Leicestershire County Council (A6006
Zouch Bridge Replacement, Classified Road)
(Side Roads) Order 2017**

Statement of Reasons

October 2017

SIDE ROADS ORDER 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 (under an agreement made pursuant to Section 8 Highways Act 1980) to make the 'Leicestershire County Council (A6006 Zouch Bridge Replacement, Classified Road) (Side Roads) Order 2017' ('the Side Roads Order') under Sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980.

Statutory Provisions

2. Section 14 of the Highways Act 1980 authorises the County Council in their capacity as the Highway Authority to stop up, divert, improve or otherwise deal with a highway that crosses or enters the route to be provided.
3. Section 125 of the Highways Act 1980 authorises the County Council in their capacity as the Highway Authority to deal with the creation and stopping up of any private means of access in connection with the new route to be provided.

Related Orders

4. In addition to the Side Roads Order, 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) ('the CPO') and 'The Leicestershire County Council (Zouch Bridge Replacement) Bridge Scheme 2017' (under Sections 106(3) of the Highways Act 1980) ('the Bridge Scheme') together referred to as 'the Orders'.
5. 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.

Replacement of Zouch Bridge

6. The existing bridge crosses the navigable waters of the River Soar, carrying the A6006 connecting the counties of Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire.
7. 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 Side Roads Order

8. The Side Roads Order will, upon confirmation, authorise the County Council to stop up private means of access, create new private means of access, stop up lengths of highway and the diversion of a public right of way in order to facilitate the Scheme.
9. The proposed alterations to existing highways and private means of access described in the above paragraph are detailed in the Schedule to the Side Roads Order, and shown on the Side Roads Order plan.

10. The Scheme will require the stopping up of highways, the diversion of public rights of way and the stopping up/creation of private means of access. The Side Roads Order made under Sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 sets out these measures. The Scheme requires the stopping up of highways at various points, however highways that will be stopped up permanently will have convenient alternative routes available because the intention is that the existing bridge will continue to carry traffic until such a time as the new bridge is opened to traffic.

Conclusion

11. The Side Roads Order complements the Orders and is to facilitate works that the County Council considers are needed to deliver the Scheme.

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