



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
(A284 LYMINSTER BYPASS (NORTH) CLASSIFIED ROAD)
SIDE ROADS ORDER 2020

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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1.0 COUNCIL RESOLUTION

- 1.1 West Sussex County Council ('the Council') resolved on 14th July 2020 to make The West Sussex County Council (A284 Lyminster Bypass (North) Classified Road) (Side Roads) Order 2020 ('the Side Roads Order') under Sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980

2.0 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 2.1 Section 14 of the Highways Act 1980 authorises the 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.
- 2.2 Section 125 of the Highways Act 1980 authorises the 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.

3.0 RELATED ORDERS

- 3.1 In addition to the Side Roads Order, the Council has promoted 'The West Sussex County Council (A284 Lyminster Bypass (North)) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020' ('Compulsory Purchase Order') under Sections 239, 240, 246 and 250 of the Highways Act 1980 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.
- 3.2 Upon confirmation, the Compulsory Purchase Order will facilitate the creation of a new bypass within the Parishes of Lyminster and Crossbush and Littlehampton in the District of Arun in the County of West Sussex. It is intended that The West Sussex County Council (A284 Lyminster Bypass (North) Classified Road) (Side Roads) Order 2020 Statement of Reasons be read in conjunction with the Statement of Reasons for the Compulsory Purchase Order.

4.0 'THE WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (A284 LYMINSTER BYPASS (NORTH)) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2020'

- 4.1 The proposed Lyminster Bypass (North) forms the northern section of a new north-south road link between the A27 Crossbush Junction and the B2187 East Street / Fitzalan Road roundabout in Littlehampton intended to improve north – south access to and from Littlehampton.
- 4.2 The existing A284 Lyminster Road will be improved and re-aligned from a point approximately 600m south of the A27 Crossbush junction southwards for approximately 303 metres. A newly constructed length of bypass will then extend from this point south to meet the A284 Lyminster Bypass (South) which is being constructed as part of the mixed use North Littlehampton development.

5.0 THE SIDE ROADS ORDER

- 5.1 The Side Roads Order will, upon confirmation, authorise the Council to stop up a length of Bridleway and private means of accesses, create new means of access and improve existing highways.
- 5.2 The proposed alterations to existing highways and private means of access described in 5.1 above are detailed in the Schedule to the Side Roads Order, and shown on the Side Roads Order plans.
- 5.3 We propose to stop up 3 private means of access and propose to provide convenient alternatives to the landowners in order to support the construction of the bypass and the Compulsory Purchase Order.

To the north of the Scheme at the point where the improvement commences, it will be necessary to stop up 2 field accesses. These accesses enter onto one property, facilitating access to a second property under different ownership. Both properties are fenced and walled as one, and the respective landowners retain rights for access over the whole. The new means of access being provided will facilitate access to both properties with the initial access now entering onto the aforementioned second property. This method minimises the land requirements and retains as much of the current flint wall feature as possible.

The New Road crosses through arable land and incorporates a Bridleway with a Pegasus Crossing. Accesses will be created to allow farmers east/west access to their fields. Where feasible, service roads have also been used to provide additional access to improve convenience.

In addition, it is proposed to stop up a length of Bridleway No 2163, where it crossed the line of the New Road. As mentioned above, a Pegasus Crossing will be provided at this location to accommodate bridleway users and to provide a safe alternative means of crossing the classified road.

The New Road will also have a current track (known as Woodcote Lane) extended over private land for use as an access road for servicing and maintenance which is accessible from the old A284.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Side Roads Order supports the construction and confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order that the Council considers necessary to deliver the bypass.