Transport and Works Act Order Factsheet 7

Introduction

A Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) under the Transport and Works Act (TWA) 1992 provides approval for the construction, operation and maintenance of a transport system.

It also requests the Secretary of State to decide on planning permission in respect of the scheme. A TWAO provides compulsory powers for acquiring property interests and rights on a permanent and temporary basis.

We will be applying for a TWAO to carry out the works for the Camden Town Station Capacity Upgrade including a new station entrance at Buck Street.

The TWAO application

The application will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport in summer 2018. It will include:

- A draft of the proposed Order
- Supporting plans and documents
- An Environmental Statement, which provides a description of the proposed scheme, the works and construction process. It also outlines any potential environmental effects and how we propose to reduce them to an acceptable level.
- A non-technical summary of this statement

Public inquiry

After we apply for the TWAO there will be a statutory 42 day period where representations, comments or objections can be submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport.
The Secretary of State is likely to appoint an independent Inspector to conduct a public inquiry into the proposals. There have been public inquiries for similar capacity upgrade schemes at Victoria and Bank stations.

If a public inquiry is held, we expect it to take place in early 2019 and to last for several weeks.

The procedure relating to TWAO public inquiries is very similar to that for major planning inquiries and generally follows the steps below:

- Within six weeks of the Secretary of State announcing that there will be an inquiry, anyone wanting to take their representations and comments further are required to submit a ‘statement of case’. This is a document setting out the case that they want to put at the inquiry.
- A short period after statements of case have been submitted, a pre-inquiry meeting will be held by the Inspector to discuss administrative arrangements for the inquiry. An independent programme officer will be responsible for these arrangements and co-ordinating the public inquiry.
- Documents called ‘proofs of evidence’ then must be prepared and submitted by each participant’s witness or witnesses four weeks before the inquiry starts. At the inquiry, the participants will make their case, and this may be supported by the evidence given on their behalf by witnesses, who can be questioned about their evidence.
- After the end of the inquiry the Inspector will submit a report and recommendations to the Secretary of State for Transport
- The Secretary of State will decide whether to grant the application for the TWAO, and whether any changes to it are required. The Secretary of State’s decision, expected early in 2020, will be given in writing and will be accompanied by the Inspector’s report. It will also be advertised and those who participated at the inquiry will be sent a copy.
Find out more

Visit tfl.gov.uk/camden-town-upgrade where you can view and download a range of factsheets and other information about the scheme.

Alternatively, come along to our exhibition where you will have the opportunity to view our proposals and speak to members of the project team

Trinity United Reform Church, Buck Street, London, NW1 8NJ
Thursday 13 July and Thursday 14 July 12:00 until 20:00
Saturday 15 July 11:00 until 16:00

To request a paper version of this factsheet, or a copy of any of the consultation materials in Braille, large-text or another language please contact us using the details below.

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