



There are two statutory processes the project needs to follow

1. Transport and Works Act Order

An application for a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport seeking powers and outline planning permission to construct and operate the proposed Croxley Rail Link. If granted the powers also allow for the compulsory purchase of identified land. Reserved planning details will be agreed with the local planning authority prior to construction.

Things you need to know about the TWAO process

- Prior to making the application Hertfordshire County Council must agree at a full committee meeting to proceed with the application. Similarly, London Underground Ltd must get approval from the Transport for London Board and the Mayor of London to proceed.
- The application consists of the following documents
 - a draft Order and an explanatory memorandum;
 - a concise statement of the aims of the proposals;
 - a report summarising the consultations carried out by the applicant;
 - plans and sections;
 - an Environmental Statement;
 - a Book of Reference, containing names of owners and occupiers of land affected by the proposals;
 - the estimated costs of the proposed works; and
 - a statement outlining the funding arrangements.
- Once the application has been submitted the project will need to
 - publish a notice in the London Gazette and local newspapers
 - display site notices at intervals along the length of the scheme
 - serve notice on the parties listed in the Book of Reference
 - serve notice of the application on particular parties listed in the TWAO rules



- Within a period of 42 days from the date of application objections or other representations must be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport. Details will be included in the notices and on the Croxley Rail Link website
- Depending on the nature and number of comments received the Secretary of State will decide if a public inquiry is required.
- If an inquiry is necessary the appointed inspector will hear both sides of the case and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State to either grant or reject the application.
- It is anticipated this process will take about 1 year and it needs to be completed before the project can move forward into the construction phase.

If you would like to know more about the TWAO process please visit www.dft.gov.uk/publications/twa-orders-guide

2. Station Closure Process

In order to close the existing Watford Metropolitan line terminus station, known locally as 'Watford Met.', a statutory closure process needs to be followed.

Things you need to know about the closure process:

- London Underground (LU) must give notice of the proposed closure, providing details of any alternative services and stating that any objections on the proposals should be sent to London Transport Users' Committee, known as London TravelWatch
- The notice will be published in a local newspaper and in two national newspapers for two successive weeks, and will be displayed at local stations.
- At the end of the objection period London TravelWatch must consider the objections received and consider any representations on them made by LU. It may do this by deciding to have a public hearing to hear any objectors and to hear LU's responses
- London TravelWatch is then required to report to the Mayor of London on the closure.
- After considering the report from London TravelWatch the Mayor must decide whether or not to agree to the proposed closure. This will be done in consultation with Hertfordshire County Council.
- If the Mayor agrees to the closure of the station, the decision will be displayed at local stations



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