## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order authorises National Highways to construct a new 10 mile (16km) dual 2-lane carriageway from the Black Cat roundabout to Caxton Gibbet roundabout, to be known as the A421 (defined in the Order as the "new dual carriageway") and in addition approximately 1.8 miles (3km) of tie-in works.

The Order permits National Highways to acquire, compulsorily or by agreement, land and rights in land and to use land for this purpose.

The Order also makes provision in connection with the maintenance of the authorised development.

A copy of the plans, engineering section drawings, book of reference and environmental statement mentioned in this Order and certified in accordance with article 48 (certification of documents, etc.) may be inspected free of charge during working hours at National Highways, Woodlands, Manton Industrial Estate, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW.