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**SECTION 56 PLANNING ACT 2008
REGULATION 9 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009
REGULATION 16 OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017
NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT
CONSENT ORDER**

A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application by **Highways England Company Limited** of Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application"). The Application was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate ("the Inspectorate") on 19 October 2018 and was accepted on 16 November 2018. The reference number applied to the Application by the Inspectorate is TR010025.

The DCO would authorise the creation of a two-lane dual carriageway on the A303 trunk road between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire ("the Scheme"). The Scheme would be approximately 8 miles (13km) long and would comprise the following key components:

- A northern bypass of Winterbourne Stoke with a viaduct over the River Till valley;
- A new junction between the A303 and A360 to the west of and replacing the existing Longbarrow roundabout;
- A twin-bore tunnel approximately 2 miles (3.3km) long, past Stonehenge; and
- A new junction between the A303 and A345 at the existing Countess roundabout.

The DCO would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Scheme. The DCO would also authorise: permanent and temporary alterations to the public rights of way network and private means of access in the vicinity of the Scheme; the de-trunking (i.e. removal of trunk road status) of part of the existing A303; the classification (i.e. allocation of road numbers) of roads included in the Scheme; the application and disapplication of relevant legislation; and the provision of byelaws regulating the use of the new tunnel.

The Scheme is Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development") as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Copies of the application form and accompanying documents, plans and maps, including the Environmental Statement, and including the Applicant's response to the Inspectorate's advice issued under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 - are available for inspection free of charge from Wednesday 28 November 2018 until Friday 11 January 2019 at the following locations and times. (May vary over the Christmas period)

- Amesbury Library, Smithfield Street, Amesbury, Salisbury, SP4 7AL.
Monday 2pm – 7pm, Tuesday and Friday 9.30am – 5pm, Thursday 9.30am – 7pm and Saturday 9.30am – 1pm.
- Salisbury Library, Market Place, Salisbury, SP1 1BL. Monday 10am – 7pm, Tuesday and Friday 9am to 7pm and Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9am – 5pm.

Copies of the Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary are available to take away, free of charge, from these locations, or can be obtained by contacting the project team using the contact details at the end of this notice.

The Application form and the accompanying documents, plans, maps and Environmental Statement can also be viewed online at the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>

A paper copy of the full set of application documents can be obtained, using the contact details at the end of this notice, at a cost of £850 + delivery. Copies of individual documents can also be obtained on request and a charge may apply. Alternatively, a USB containing these documents can be provided free of charge.

Any person may make representations on the Application to the Secretary of State (i.e. giving notice of any interest in or objection to the Application). Any representation relating to the Application must be submitted on a Registration and Relevant Representation form and must give the grounds on which it is made. The Inspectorate has issued detailed guidance on registering as an interested party and making a relevant representation, to which you are advised to have regard. This guidance is set out in the Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.2 – How to Register to Participate in an Examination, which can be found at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

The Registration and Relevant Representation form will be made available by the Inspectorate from 8 December 2018 on the relevant page for the Application via the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>

Alternatively, you can request a paper copy of the form by telephoning **0303 444 5000** quoting the name of the Application and the Inspectorate's reference number TR010025. A completed paper copy form to be submitted to the Inspectorate should be sent to: The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Planning, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. Please quote reference number TR010025 in all correspondence with the Inspectorate about this Application.

Representations can be made from 8 December 2018 and must be received by the Inspectorate no later than 11:59pm on 11 January 2019. Please note that any representations submitted to the Inspectorate will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Further information about the Application may be obtained from Highways England as follows:

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