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Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010025

Date: 4 March 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 – Section 88 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 6

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down

Appointment of the Examining Authority

I write to you following my appointment by the Secretary of State as the lead member of a panel who will be the Examining Authority (the Panel) to carry out an Examination of the above application. I am Wendy McKay and the other members of the Panel are Alan Novitzky, David Richards, Ken Taylor and Edwin Maund.

The original Panel appointment dated 31 January 2019¹ was varied on 28 February 2019 to increase the membership from four to five members. A copy of the variation notice can be viewed at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010025-000555>

We would like to thank those of you who submitted Relevant Representations. These representations have assisted us when preparing our proposals regarding how to examine this application.

Invitation to the Preliminary Meeting

This letter is an invitation to the Preliminary Meeting to discuss the Examination procedure. It contains a number of important supporting annexes.

¹ Available here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010025-000514>

Date of meeting:	2 April 2019
Seating available from:	9.30am
Meeting begins:	10.00am
Venue:	Salisbury Racecourse, Netherhampton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 8PN
Access and parking:	Full disabled access, free onsite parking for all

Note: Given the volume and frequency of letters the Planning Inspectorate needs to send to Interested Parties during an Examination, we aim to communicate with people by email wherever possible as electronic communication is more environmentally friendly and cost effective for the Inspectorate as a government agency. If you have received a postcard but are able to receive communications by email, please confirm this with the Case Team using the contact details at the top of this letter, as soon as possible.

Purpose of the Preliminary Meeting

The purpose of the Preliminary Meeting is to enable views to be put to us about the way in which the application is to be examined. At this stage the Panel is looking at the procedure and not the merits of the application. The merits of the application will only be considered once the Examination starts, which is after the Preliminary Meeting has closed.

We wish to run a fair, efficient and effective meeting so that all relevant views can be heard. As such, we strongly encourage groups of individuals who have similar views on the procedure to choose one representative to speak for the group.

The agenda for the meeting is in **Annex A**. The agenda has been set following our Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (IAPI) arising from our reading of the application documents and the Relevant Representations received. Our IAPI is set out in **Annex B**. In the light of this assessment we wish to hear at the meeting from the Applicant, Interested Parties and Statutory Parties (including Local Authorities) about what, if any changes they would like us to consider making to the draft Examination Timetable set out in **Annex C**.

Up to date information about the project and the Examination can be obtained from: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>

This is the address for the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website from which we will make copies of all Examination Documents available to the public. As the Examination process makes substantial use of electronic documents, it will be useful for you to become familiar with this resource.

Attendance at the Preliminary Meeting

If you wish to attend the Preliminary Meeting please contact the Case Team using the details set out at the top of this letter. Please confirm your attendance **no later than 22 March 2019**.

It will help the management of the meeting and benefit everyone if you also:

- tell us whether you wish to speak at the meeting and on which agenda items, listing points you wish to make; and
- notify us of any special requirements you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Please note that you are **not** required to attend the Preliminary Meeting in order to participate in the Examination. If you are an Interested Party you will still be able to make a Written Representation and comment on the Written Representations made by other Interested Parties. You will also be able to participate in any hearings that are arranged.

However, the Preliminary Meeting provides a useful introduction to the Examination process². We will use it to make Procedural Decisions that will affect everyone participating in the Examination. The meeting provides you with an opportunity to have your say about procedural issues before these decisions are finalised. If you intend to play an active part in the Examination or you have questions about procedure it is useful to attend the meeting.

Should you no longer wish to be an Interested Party and do not wish to be involved in the Examination process, you can notify the Case Team of this in writing.

After the Preliminary Meeting

After the Preliminary Meeting you will be sent a letter setting out the timetable for the Examination. An audio recording and a note of the meeting will also be published on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Our examination will primarily be a consideration of written submissions about the Proposed Development along with oral representations made at any hearings, the application documents, policy and legal positions, site inspections and any other matters we consider to be relevant and important.

Interested Parties have the right to request an Open Floor Hearing and those persons affected by any request for Compulsory Acquisition or Temporary Possession of their land or rights may request a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing. Any other Issue Specific Hearings are held at the discretion of the Panel and will be arranged if we feel that consideration of oral representations would ensure an issue is adequately examined.

² See Advice Note 8.3 here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

All relevant and important matters will be taken into account when we make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will take the final decision in this case.

Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

We have made a number of Procedural Decisions which are set out in full in **Annex E**. They include:

- accepting into the Examination the documents comprising the Applicant's response to the Planning Inspectorate's section 51 advice dated 20 November 2018;
- a request for the Applicant to prepare a draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection scheduled to take place on 21 May 2019;
- a request for the Applicant to prepare and submit Statements of Common Ground with various Interested Parties; and
- a request for the Applicant to submit various other documents to the Examination.

Your status in the Examination

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in this FAQ document: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Status-faq.pdf>

If your reference number begins with 2001, 2002, A303-AFP, or A303-S57 you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with A303-SP you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with A303-OP you are in Group C.

If having read the FAQ document published at the link above you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Awards of costs

We also draw your attention to the possibility of the award of costs against Interested Parties who behave unreasonably. You should be aware of the relevant costs guidance 'Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders' which applies to Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects. This guidance is available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/guidance/>

Management of information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the Panel) and a record of any advice which has been provided by the Planning Inspectorate, is published at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>

All Examination Documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex D**.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair Examination, we consider it necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information, please view our [Privacy Notice](#).

We look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Wendy McKay

Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Annexes

- A** Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting
- B** Initial Assessment of Principal Issues
- C** Draft Examination Timetable
- D** Availability of Examination Documents
- E** Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

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Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting

Date: 2 April 2019

Seating available from: 9.30am

Meeting Start Time: 10.00am

Venue: Salisbury Racecourse, Netherhampton,
Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 8PN

9.30am	Seating available
Item 1	Welcome and introductions
Item 2	The Examining Authority's (ExA) remarks about the Examination process
Item 3	Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (see Annex B)
Item 4	<p>Timetable for the Examination including deadlines for submission of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Representations • Local Impact Reports • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions • Statements of Common Ground (see Annex E) • Notifications relating to hearings • Comments on Applicant's submissions/ clarifications in response to the Planning Inspectorate's s51 advice dated 20 November 2019
Item 5	Procedural Decisions taken by the ExA (see Annex E)
Item 6	<p>Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of ASI to application site and surrounding area • Time periods reserved for subsequent Open Floor Hearing(s), Issue Specific Hearings and/ or Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s)
Item 7	Any other matters
Close of the Preliminary Meeting	

Please note: Please be available from the start and throughout the meeting. The agenda is subject to change at the discretion of the ExA. The ExA will conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are any additional matters to be dealt with or submissions take a considerable amount of time the ExA may change the order of the agenda items and may introduce breaks in the proceedings.

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This is the Initial Assessment of the Principal Issues prepared under s88(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). This initial assessment has had regard to consideration by the Examining Authority (ExA) of the application documents and of Relevant Representations received in respect of the application.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters. The ExA will have regard to all important and relevant matters during the Examination and when it writes its Recommendation Report to the Secretary of State for Transport after the Examination has concluded.

The order of the issues listed is alphabetic and does not imply any order of prioritisation or importance.

The policy and consenting requirements and documents associated with the PA2008 are an integral part of the Examination and are therefore not set out as separate Principal Issues.

It should be noted that a number of the Principal Issues set out below have an interrelationship and overlap and these will be reflected in the Examination.

It should also be noted that:

- whilst the effects of the proposal on the achievement of sustainable development including the mitigation of, and adaption to, climate change are not listed as specific Principle Issues; and
- whilst the effects of the proposal in relation to human rights and equalities duties are not listed as specific Principle Issues;

the ExA will conduct all aspects of the Examination with these objectives in mind.

1. **Agriculture** – to include:

- Effects of construction work upon agricultural land and soil quality including loss of land or buildings, severance and loss of or effects upon farm infrastructure.
- Effects on agriculture land and soil quality during operation including permanent loss of land or buildings, permanent severance and permanent loss of or effects upon farm infrastructure.
- Design, mitigation and enhancement measures to avoid or mitigate adverse effects on agricultural land and holdings and the means whereby these would be secured and enforced including the measures set out within the Outline Environmental Management Plan (OEMP).
- Whether the scheme seeks to minimise impacts on soil quality taking proposed mitigation into account.

2. Air quality, dust and other emissions – to include:

- Air quality impact baseline assessment methodology.
- Effects on air quality arising from dust and particulates during the construction phase including through construction activities, emissions from construction traffic and equipment/ plant and changes in traffic flows.
- Effects on air quality arising from dust and particulates during the operational phase including through changes in vehicular activity and changes in distances between sources of emissions and air quality sensitive receptors.
- Air quality both inside and outside the proposed tunnel including the impact of tunnel emissions at the exit portals.
- Proposed mitigation, monitoring and control measures for air quality, dust suppression, control and use of equipment/ plant and construction traffic management and how such matters would be secured and enforced including by the OEMP and Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).
- Whether all reasonable steps have been taken and would be taken to minimise any detrimental impact on amenity from emissions.

3. Alternatives – to include:

- The Environment Statement (ES) approach to alternatives including consideration of various route, scheme and design development options for the project such as tunnel length and routeing outside the World Heritage Site (WHS) referred to by UNESCO/ ICOMOS in their Final Report on the joint World Heritage Centre/ ICOMOS Advisory mission to Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites.
- Whether a proportionate option consideration of alternatives that reflects all the relevant policy and legal requirements has been undertaken.

4. Biodiversity, biological environment and ecology – to include:

- The ecological baseline assessment methodology.
- Effects upon International statutory designated sites, namely, Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and their qualifying features including those arising from the creation of a temporary crossing of the River Till valley during construction, the new viaduct across the River Till and potential disturbance of Stone Curlew and Great Bustard within the Salisbury Plain SPA.
- Implications for national statutory designated sites including Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and National Nature Reserves (NNR).
- Implications for regional and local statutory designated sites, non-statutory designated sites and nature reserves such as County Wildlife Sites (CWSs) and RSPB reserves including the loss of the Countess Cutting CWS.

- Implications for protected and notable habitats and species.
- Proposed mitigation, enhancement and design features such as the provision made within the OEMP and the Environmental Masterplan for planting, green bridges and habitat creation including the creation of a new area of chalk grassland habitat adjacent to Parsonage Down SSSI.
- Opportunities for the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and ecological conservation interests including within the water environment and to enhance habitats for species.

5. Compulsory Acquisition – to include:

- Independently from the question of whether development consent should be granted, whether the full extent of the land, rights and powers that are sought to be compulsorily acquired are required for or to facilitate or are incidental to the Proposed Development¹.
- Whether there is a compelling case in the public interest² for the Compulsory Acquisition of the land, rights and powers that are sought by the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO).
- Whether all reasonable alternatives to Compulsory Acquisition have been explored³.
- Whether adequate funding is likely to be available to enable the promoter to carry out the Compulsory Acquisition within the statutory period.
- Whether the capital cost estimate for the scheme includes the resource implications of a possible blight notice.
- Whether the purposes stated for the acquisition are legitimate and sufficient to justify the inevitable interference with the human rights of those affected.
- The proposed acquisition of statutory undertakers' land and rights over such land and the detriment that may be caused to the carrying on of the undertaking in question⁴.
- Adequacy of any Protective Provisions set out in the dDCO and the progress of any outstanding Protective Provisions that are not agreed, including those relating to the Esso pipeline and the Environment Agency.
- Special category land, namely, open space and land which is held inalienably by the National Trust and the proposed imposition of Restrictive Covenants and powers of Temporary Possession in relation to such land.
- Crown Land.

¹ See s122(2) of the PA2008

² In terms of s122(3) of the PA2008

³ See s123 of the PA2008

⁴ See s127 of the PA2008

6. Draft Development Consent Order – to include:

- Construction, form, extent and definitions comprised in the dDCO including Requirements, Protective Provisions and design flexibility.
- Adequacy of the dDCO Requirements, the OEMP and associated documents, their status and enforceability to secure the proposed mitigation.
- Whether any additional requirements are necessary in relation to construction traffic, surface water drainage, flood risk, air quality and noise?
- Whether the flexibility that the scheme currently provides in terms of detailed design can be justified and represents a reasonable approach particularly in the light of the statutory procedures available for the approval of subsequent changes to a DCO?
- The proposed procedure for consultation on and the discharge of Requirements by the Secretary of State.
- The need for and means of securing funding for any necessary monitoring and enforcement of the dDCO Requirements.
- Associated obligations and agreements such as Development Consent Obligations.

7. Flood risk, groundwater protection, geology and land contamination – to include:

- Baseline groundwater modelling and flood risk assessment methodology and updates.
- Implications for soil and groundwater contamination during construction stage including the potential for contaminants from existing sources to enter groundwater and for dispersal and accidental releases of contaminants, dust and uncontrolled run-off to occur including the potential impact upon private water supplies.
- Flood and pollution risk implications for surface water and groundwater arising from the operation of the road including those arising from road water run-off.
- Whether the tunnelling operation or other earthworks would be likely to have any adverse impact upon the existing water table.
- Implications that the scheme would have for the current and future target Water Framework Directive (WFD) status of the River Avon, the River Till and the Upper Hampshire Avon groundwater body.
- Proposed drainage infrastructure including sump emptying for tunnel drainage, road drainage provision and design features and the means whereby this would be secured by the dDCO.
- Other proposed mitigation, monitoring and control measures and the means whereby they would be secured including measures within the Drainage Strategy, OEMP and CEMP.

- Proposed provisions for the containment of contaminated run-off and treatment of run-off from the scheme.
- The need for the dDCO to include a Requirement designed to secure a strategy for dealing with risk from land contaminated by historic uses.
- The proposed disapplication of abstraction licensing by the dDCO.
- The need for a dewatering impact assessment and mitigation measures to be secured by the dDCO.
- Consideration of the potential presence of voids in 'unique' Phosphatic Chalk Deposits and the appropriate design approach and/ or mitigation should such dissolution features be encountered, particularly whilst tunnelling.
- The effects of possible groundwater changes on historic assets.

8. Health and wellbeing – to include:

- Potential adverse effects on human health and the living conditions of local residents during construction and operation including those arising from air quality, noise and vibration, visual impact and pollution.
- Potential beneficial effects on human health and the living conditions of local residents during construction and operation.
- The overall impact upon human health and the living conditions of local residents taking into account the cumulative effects of the scheme itself and with other development.
- Whether there is a need for on-going monitoring of any potential adverse health effects.

9. Heritage and historic environment – to include:

- The ES identification of affected designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings including those beyond the boundary of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites WHS.
- Assessment of the significance of affected heritage assets and their settings including any contribution that they make to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the WHS.
- Assessment of potential harm to the significance of affected heritage assets and their settings during construction and operation including the WHS and assets within it such as the loss of any archaeological remains within the construction footprint, compaction of archaeological deposits, impact upon any ongoing archaeological work such as Blick Mead, impact upon the setting of assets and the relationship between monuments/ assets, the wider landscape and other such asset groups and changes to key views and sight lines.
- Assessment of opportunities and public benefits that the scheme could provide during construction and operation for the significance of affected heritage assets and their settings or on the ability to appreciate them such as the enhancement of access to the WHS, the scope for linking the Stonehenge monument to the wider landscape and other monuments/

assets, the reconnection of the Avenue, the removal of traffic and modern road infrastructure from certain viewpoints, changes to key views and sight lines and potential astronomical benefits.

- The proposed limits of deviation (LoD) set out in the dDCO including the tunnel LoD and the area around the portal entrances and the implications that the scope for variation could have for the OUV of the WHS.
- The provision of the Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (DAMS), the Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation, the Preliminary OEMP and the archaeological evaluation reports.
- Proposed mitigation, enhancement and monitoring arrangements for the protection of archaeological areas and historic assets during construction including the OEMP, the Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (OAMS) and associated documents and the means whereby this would be secured by the dDCO.
- Consultation and engagement with Historic England, the National Trust, Local Authorities, and other parties during construction.
- Proposed mitigation, enhancement and monitoring arrangements during operation including the provision of Cultural Heritage Asset Management Plans and the inclusion of a detailed archaeological and heritage outreach and education programme within the DAMS and the means whereby this would be secured by the dDCO.
- The overall effect, taking proposed mitigation into account, that the scheme would have on the OUV of the WHS having regard to the UNESCO/ ICOMOS Final Report on the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Advisory mission.
- Whether any additional mitigation would be necessary to minimise the adverse impacts of the scheme on the setting of the asset groups within the western part of the WHS.
- The positive and negative effects on heritage and the historic environment of alternative approaches, including longer tunnel options and different routes such as Route F10.
- The effects of the proposals, and the alternative approaches, on future archaeological and historic research.

10. Landscape and visual effects and design – to include:

- Methodology of assessment of visual impact, landscape impact, tranquillity and the character of the night sky.
- Accuracy of illustrative material including photomontages and zone of theoretical visibility.
- Consideration of the need for further photomontages or other illustrative material.
- Adverse visual changes that would be experienced during construction and operation by residents, visitors, tourists and users of nearby public rights of way and public highways including loss of public views of Stonehenge, the visual impact of the River Till viaduct and the Countess flyover.

- Adverse landscape changes that would occur during construction and operation to the landscape and tranquillity of the areas in which the Proposed Development lies and from where it could be seen, including the Cranbourne Chase and West Wiltshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the Special Landscape Area (SLA) and landscape character areas.
- Beneficial changes to visual and landscape impact that would occur during the operational phase of the project.
- Effects upon the character of the night sky within the vicinity of the WHS during construction and operation including the potential for light spillage from the Longbarrow junction and the dumbbell roundabout at Oatlands Hill.
- Whether the project design, including that for the proposed tunnel, its portals and portal approaches, associated buildings/ structures, and the infrastructure design of roads, bridges, and embankments takes account of environmental effects on the landscape and siting, operational and other relevant constraints, to enhance visual and landscape character and minimise harm to the landscape.
- Consideration of the analytical and illustrative approach to the design of site-specific infrastructure including design principles, materials, detailed design and the scope for variation in developing detailed design.
- Proposed design, mitigation and enhancement measures during construction and operation, including planting provision and maintenance and the means of securing and enforcing the mitigation measures such as through the OEMP.
- Whether the visual impact upon residents, and other sensitive receptors, such as visitors to the local area and users of recreational facilities within it, would outweigh the benefits of the development taking proposed mitigation into account.

11. Noise and vibration – to include:

- Noise and vibration baseline noise survey methodologies.
- Effects of noise and vibration arising from construction work and construction traffic upon occupants of nearby residential properties with particular regard to the impact upon those living near the Countess Roundabout, Amesbury, Stonehenge Cottages, Rollestone Crossroads and to the north of Winterbourne Stoke.
- Effects of operational noise and vibration, including those arising from changes to the road layout and changes in traffic levels on the local road network, upon occupants of nearby residential properties with particular regard to the impact upon those living to the north of Winterbourne Stoke, Church Street/ High Street, Amesbury and near the Countess Roundabout, Amesbury.
- Effects of noise and vibration upon farm animals, wildlife, birds and fish during construction work including those that would result from piling work.

- The implications that any operational noise would have for the tranquillity and enjoyment of the WHS.
- Whether the scheme shows good design through optimisation of scheme layout to minimise noise emissions.
- Proposed monitoring and mitigation measures, including noise and vibration reduction measures, working hours, techniques and practices and the means whereby this would be secured by the dDCO and the OEMP.

12. Socio-Economic Effects – to include:

- Baseline assessment methodology and the socio-economic evaluation.
- Effects on the communities and businesses during construction and operation with particular regard to:
 - Visitors, tourists and other communities attracted to the WHS;
 - recreational users including users of PROWs;
 - local residents and communities;
 - farm-based enterprises and other local businesses; and
 - local employment opportunities.
- Proposed mitigation measures to address any socio-economic effects.
- Opportunities to support local employment, businesses and services.
- Whether there is a need for any additional monitoring, management and mitigation measures to avoid, reduce or compensate for adverse impacts.
- Whether it is necessary, in the light of applicable national and local policy and legislation, for the host communities to gain positive socio-economic benefits from the scheme.

13. Traffic and Transportation – to include:

Road safety and network performance

- Transport Assessment methodology, proposed monitoring and enforcement and any assessment discrepancies and inconsistencies.
- Clarification of the proposed operation of and responsibilities for the various elements of the scheme.
- Whether the scheme would provide road safety, traffic flow and journey time benefits for users of the A303 and local road network.
- Whether the scheme would result in any unacceptable transport impacts upon either the local or strategic road networks.

Sustainable transport

- The scheme objectives in terms of provision for walking, cycling and horse riding and how these would be secured by the dDCO.

- The proposed changes to existing Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) and the ability to access them.
- Effects of the scheme upon users of existing PRoWs including Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs), bridleways and public footpaths.
- The scheme provision for suitably located bridges to maintain the existing function of the PRoWs and the inclusion of new non-motorised user routes.
- Whether the scheme design and access proposals, including the proposed treatment of the current A303 and the redundant portion of the A360, satisfactorily reflects the needs and concerns of the agricultural community, disabled people, non-motorised users, cyclists, horse riders and other PRoW users.
- The provision of a suitable safe road crossing system at the new Longbarrow roundabout for horse riders and other vulnerable road users.
- Whether an alternative link should be provided to replace the motorised link between byways AMES 11 and AMES 12.

Construction work impacts

- Effects of construction work activity on the existing road network including the generation of additional heavy goods vehicle (HGV) trips by construction and delivery vehicles.
- Effects of construction-related traffic control measures upon users of the A303 and at the Longbarrow and Countess roundabouts with particular regard to traffic flow and journey times.
- Effects of construction work, construction access routes, and construction compounds on the living conditions of local residents.
- Whether the construction work activity and use of construction compounds would result in unacceptable increases in traffic and journey times on alternative routes using other local roads.
- Mitigation proposed to reduce the adverse effects of traffic during the construction phase, including the impact of increased traffic using the B390, and how this would be secured and enforced by the dDCO and the proposed Traffic Management Plan (TMP).
- The need for the location, means of access and use of the construction compounds to be secured by the dDCO.
- The need for early development of the CEMP, for pre and post works condition surveys to be carried out, for regional diversion measures to be provided and for enforceable measures to be included to deter haulage sub-contractors using unsuitable routes.
- Cumulative impact with traffic generated by other developments.

14. Waste and Materials Management – to include:

- Implications that the proposed construction work would potentially have for material resources and waste arisings including the chalk tunnel arisings that would be produced from tunnel excavations.
- The proposed arrangements for waste and materials management and design, mitigation and enhancement measures to minimise the volume of waste produced and sent for disposal including the Tunnel Arisings Management Strategy.
- The need for any treatment or contingency arrangements for materials that may be unsuitable for reuse in landscaping or habitat creation.
- The means whereby the management of waste and materials, including tunnel arisings, would be secured by the dDCO, the OEMP and the Materials Management Plan.

Draft Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

The examination of the application primarily takes the form of the consideration of written submissions. The ExA will also consider oral representations made at any hearings.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1	Preliminary Meeting	2 April 2019
2	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Written Questions 	As soon as practicable following the Preliminary Meeting
3	Deadline 1 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing • Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing • Notification by Statutory Parties of wish to be considered an Interested Party • Applicant's draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection to be held on 21 May 2019 (see Annex E) • Comments on Applicant's response to the Planning Inspectorate's s51 advice dated 20 November 2018 [AS-006 to AS-013] • Local Impact Reports from Local Authorities 	18 April 2019
4	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of date, time and place of hearings to be held between 22 and 24 May 2019 • Notification of time and meeting place for Accompanied Site Inspection on 21 May 2019 Publication of:	25 April 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ExA's itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection on 21 May 2019 	
5	<p>Deadline 2</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) Summaries of all RR's exceeding 1500 words Written Representations (WRs) Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words Initial Statements of Common Ground requested by the ExA (see Annex E) Responses to the ExA's Written Questions A standalone Mitigation Schedule (see Annex E) The various documents requested at section 4 of Annex E to this letter An updated version of the Guide to the Application [AS-013] An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule [AS-011] An updated Book of Reference [APP-025] An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [APP-020] Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules⁵ 	3 May 2019
6	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of date, time and place of hearings to be held between 4 and 14 June 2019 	7 May 2019
7	Accompanied Site Inspection	21 May 2019
8	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Floor Hearing(s) 	22 to 24 May 2019
9	Deadline 3	31 May 2019

⁵ The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

	<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held between 22 and 24 May 2019 • An updated version of the dDCO • An updated Mitigation Schedule • Comments on WRs and responses to comments on RRs • Comments on Local Impact Report(s) • Comments on responses to the ExA's Written Questions • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 2 • An updated version of the Guide to the Application • An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule • Progressed Statements of Common Ground • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	
10	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing(s), including an Issue Specific Hearing dealing with the dDCO 	<p>4 to 7 June 2019</p> <p>and</p> <p>11 to 14 June 2019</p>
11	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held between 4 and 14 June 2019 • An updated version of the dDCO • An updated Mitigation Schedule • An updated version of the Guide to the Application • An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule • Comments on any further information requested 	<p>21 June 2019</p>

	<p>by the ExA and received to Deadline 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	
12	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ExA's Written Questions (if required) 	5 July 2019
13	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 	8 to 12 July 2019
14	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held between 8 and 12 July 2019 	19 July 2019
15	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to the ExA's Written Questions (if issued on 5 July 2019) An updated version of the dDCO An updated Mitigation Schedule An updated version of the Guide to the Application An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 5 Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	26 July 2019
16	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of any further hearings to be held between 26 and 30 August 2019 (if required) 	29 July 2019
17	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on responses to the ExA's Written 	9 August 2019

	<p>Questions (if issued on 5 July 2019)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Statements of Common Ground • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 6 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	
18	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further Issue Specific Hearing(s) that may be required • Any further Open Floor Hearing(s) that may be required • A second Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (if required) • A second Accompanied Site Inspection (if required) 	27 to 30 August 2019
19	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) • The ExA's dDCO (if required to facilitate the Examination) 	4 September 2019
20	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held between 13 and 16 August 2019 • An updated version of the dDCO (including final Protective Provisions) • An updated Mitigation Schedule • An updated version of the Guide to the Application • An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 7 	6 September 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	
21	<p>Deadline 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on the RIES (if issued on 30 August 2019) Comments on ExA's dDCO (if issued on 30 August 2019) An updated version of the Guide to the Application An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 8 	25 September 2019
22	<p>Deadline 10</p> <p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months</p>	2 October 2019

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions. An Examination Library will be kept up to date throughout the Examination and can be accessed via the project webpage. Each document will be given a unique reference. These references will be used by the ExA during the Examination: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/?ipcsection=docs>

Hearing agendas

Please note that for Issue Specific Hearings and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings we will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda on the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. However, the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where the Applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the

information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Conservations of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of The Conservation of Offshore Marine Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Availability of Examination Documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/?ipcsection=docs>

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published at the above location.

For ease of navigation, please refer to the Examination Library (EL) which is accessible via a blue button under the 'Documents' tab, or directly here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010025-000483>.

The EL will be updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document;
- each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. A hyperlink to each document on the project webpage is also provided in the EL. Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge*, at the following locations. Please note that you will need to take a form of identification or be a member of Wiltshire Libraries to use a computer at these locations.

* Persons who are not a member of Wiltshire Libraries are asked to make a suggested donation of £1 for 30 minutes computer access.

Electronic deposit locations

Local authority	Library	Opening hours
Wiltshire Council	Amesbury Library Smithfield Street Amesbury Salisbury SP4 7AL	Monday: 2.00pm to 7.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.30am to 1.00pm Sunday: Closed

	<p>Devizes Library Sheep Street Devizes SN10 1DL</p>	<p>Monday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Wednesday: 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.30am to 4.00pm Sunday: Closed</p>
	<p>Marlborough Library 91 High Street Marlborough SN8 1HD</p>	<p>Monday: 2.00pm to 7.00pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Thursday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.30am to 1.00pm Sunday: Closed</p>
	<p>Salisbury Library Market Place Salisbury SP1 1BL</p>	<p>Monday: 10.00am to 7.00pm Tuesday: 9.00am to 7.00pm Wednesday: 9.00am to 5.00pm Thursday: 9.00am to 5.00pm Friday: 9.00am to 7.00pm Saturday: 9.00am to 5.00pm Sunday: Closed</p>
	<p>Warminster Library Three Horseshoes Walk Warminster BA12 9BT</p>	<p>Monday: 10.00am to 7.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Wednesday: 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.30am to 4.00pm Sunday: Closed</p>
	<p>Westbury Library Westbury House Edward Street Westbury BA13 3BD</p>	<p>Monday: 2.00pm to 7.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.30am to 1.00pm</p>

		Sunday: Closed
	Wilton Library South Street Wilton Salisbury SP2 0JS	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10.00am to 7.00pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 10.00am to 5.00pm Friday: 10.00am to 5.00pm Saturday: 10.00am to 1.00pm Sunday: Closed
Printing costs (all libraries)	Black and white	Colour
A4	10p per page	Unavailable
Link to all council library locations		
http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-home		

Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority (ExA)

The ExA has made the following Procedural Decisions under s89(3) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008):

1. Examination Documents and information

Examination Library

Information about the Examination Library (EL) is contained in **Annex D**, above.

Please note that a separate EL has been prepared listing the Relevant Representations (RR). This has been prepared to assist navigation of the core EL and the RRs themselves:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010025-000553>

Representations and submissions

The ExA has made a Procedural Decision to accept a number of Additional Submissions into the Examination, including those comprising the Applicant's response to the Planning Inspectorate's section 51 advice dated 20 November 2018 (see below)⁶. These have been published on the National Infrastructure Planning website and are listed in the EL under 'Additional Submissions'.

Response to section 51 advice

The ExA has made a Procedural Decision to formally accept into the Examination the documents comprising the Applicant's response to the Planning Inspectorate's section 51 advice dated 20 November 2018. For the avoidance of doubt, the accepted documents are:

- Section 51 response cover letter [AS-006]
- Guide to the Application [AS-013]
- Addendum to Funding Statement [AS-012]
- Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule [AS-011]
- A document clarifying the relationship between the 'detailed archaeological mitigation strategy' and Appendix 6.11 of the Environmental Statement (Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy) [AS-010]
- DCO application signposting document [AS-009]
- A drawing showing all six European sites identified in the Habitats Regulations Assessment reports [AS-008]
- A document explaining the relationship of the various documents required to be produced under the Outline Environmental Management Plan and how they are dealt with and secured in the draft DCO [AS-007]

⁶ Available here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010025-000476>

Interested Parties can comment on the above submissions to **Deadline 1** in the Examination Timetable (see **Annex C**).

2. Accompanied Site Inspection

The Applicant is requested to prepare a draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) for submission to **Deadline 1** in the Examination Timetable (see **Annex C**). The itinerary should include those locations where the most significant impacts are predicted to arise as result of the Proposed Development.

On receipt of the Applicant's draft itinerary, the ExA will consider its content against the application documents and the representations received to date. The ExA's final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website on or before **25 April 2019**.

3. Request for Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

The ExA would be assisted by the preparation of SoCGs between the Applicant and certain Interested Parties. The Examination Timetable (see **Annex C**) therefore provides deadlines for the submission of initial, progressed and final SoCGs in the course of the Examination.

The aim of a SoCG is to agree factual information and to inform the ExA and all other parties by identifying where there is agreement and where the differences lie at an early stage in the Examination process. It should provide a focus and save time by identifying matters which are not in dispute or need not be the subject of further evidence.

It can also usefully state where and why there may be disagreement about the interpretation and relevance of the information. The reasons for the differences and interpretation of the implications of a difference can then be expanded in the evidence. Unless otherwise stated or agreed, the SoCG should be agreed between the Applicant and the other relevant Interested Party or parties, and **submitted by the Applicant**.

The ExA requests that SoCGs are prepared by:

- **The Applicant and Amesbury Town Council.**
- **The Applicant and English Heritgate Trust.**
- **The Applicant and The Environment Agency.**
- **The Applicant and Historic England.**
- **The Applicant and The National Farmers' Union.**
- **The Applicant and National Trust.**
- **The Applicant and Natural England.**
- **The Applicant and The RSPB.**

- **The Applicant and The Stonehenge Alliance.**
- **The Applicant and Wiltshire Council.**
- **The Applicant and Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council.**

This list may be added to in the course of the Examination and should not be taken as precluding any Interested Party and the Applicant drafting a SoCG not listed above.

The suggested content of the SoCG, listed above, is indicative and should not be taken to preclude the inclusion of any other matters that parties consider important and relevant.

The ExA suggests that the SoCGs should cover the following topics where relevant:

- Methodology for environmental impact assessment including assessment of cumulative effects.
- Data collection methods.
- Baseline data.
- Data/ statistical analysis, approach to modelling and presentation of results (including forecast methodologies).
- Full expression of expert judgements and assumptions.
- Identification and sensitivity of relevant features and quantification of potential impact.
- Likely effects (direct and indirect) on special interest features of sites designated or notified for any nature conservation purpose.
- Feasible and deliverable mitigation and method for securing such mitigation within the DCO.

4. Request for other documents

All of the documents identified below should be submitted by the Applicant to **Deadline 2** in the Examination Timetable (**Annex C**).

Mitigation Schedule

The ExA requests for the Applicant to consolidate the information provided in Environmental Statement Appendix 2.1 [APP-186] in a standalone Examination Document that is capable of being tracked and updated in the course of the Examination.

The Applicant is asked to provide an updated version of the Mitigation Schedule alongside each updated version of the Draft Development Consent Order submitted to the Examination (see **Annex C**).

Scheme Assessment Report

The ExA requests for the Applicant to submit to the Examination the A303 Stonehenge Amesbury to Berwick Down Scheme Assessment Report (Highways England, 2017), as referenced in paragraph 3.2.4 of Chapter 3: Assessment of alternatives of the Environmental Statement [APP-041].

Public Rights of Way (PRoW) clarifications

The ExA requests for the Applicant to prepare and submit an Examination Document establishing details in respect of the design of the PRoWs affected by the Proposed Development. Amongst other relevant details, the document should cover:

- Materials
- Fencing
- Lighting
- Surfacing

This document should also establish how the Applicant proposes for these design details to be secured in the Development Consent Order.

World Heritage Committee/ International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) documents

The ExA requests for the Applicant to submit to the Examination definitive standalone copies of:

Mission reports

- Report on the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Advisory mission to Stonehenge, Avebury and associated sites (27-30 October 2015)
- Report on the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Advisory mission to Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated sites (UK) (31 January–3 February 2017)
- Final Report on the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Advisory mission to Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites (c.373bis) (5-7 March 2018)

Decisions

- 42COM 7B.32 - Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (C 373bis)
- 41COM 7B.56 - Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) (C 373bis)

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DDCMS) documents

The ExA requests for the Applicant to submit to the Examination definitive standalone copies of:

- State of conservation report by the State Party (DDCMS, 2018)
- State of conservation report by the State Party (DDCMS, 2019)