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Introduction

As stated in the Environmental Statement (ES) [APP-038 – 292], a comprehensive programme of archaeological field work was undertaken to inform the environmental impact assessment ([APP-044], 6.6.13). This included geophysical survey, plough zone artefact collection (field walking and test pitting), trial trenching and geoarchaeological investigations. The archaeological evaluation programme was undertaken in accordance with:

- an Archaeological Evaluation Strategy and Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Evaluation¹ developed in consultation with and approved by the Heritage Monitoring and Advisory Group (HMAG, comprising Historic England, Wiltshire Council Archaeology Service, the National Trust and English Heritage Trust) and with input from the Scientific Committee of independent experts set up to advise the Scheme through HMAG, and
- individual Site-Specific Written Schemes of Investigation approved by HMAG.

Fieldwork was undertaken between January and August 2018 and the results of that work were reported in paragraphs 6.6.13- 6.6.52 (fieldwork) and paragraphs 6.6.53 to 6.6.111, Appendix 6.2 [APP-211] and Figures 6.8 [APP-074] (baseline) of the Environmental Statement.

The conclusions of the Environmental Statement were informed by those results, the non-intrusive archaeological geophysical survey of the entire Scheme boundary (referred to at ES paragraph 6.4.1(f) and Appendix 6.10 [APP-219]) and the results of historic surveys and fieldwork (referred to in ES paragraph 6.6.15 and summarised and listed at ES Appendix 6.10), allowing a robust assessment of baseline (as referenced above), approach to mitigation (ES section 6.8) and likely significant effects (ES section 6.9).

Confirmatory surveys and sampling consisting of trial trenching on the Winterbourne Stoke Bypass, test pitting on one part of the Western Portal approach and geophysical surveys at Countess East and Amesbury Road were completed in October 2018. All fieldwork was monitored on site by HMAG and Wiltshire County Archaeology Service. The Scientific Committee were also invited to view the work at the tunnel portals and approaches.

The results of this confirmatory survey and sampling work were reviewed against the archaeological baseline, approach to mitigation and assessment of effects presented in the ES and they confirm its findings. No changes to the conclusions as to the likely significant effects of the scheme were identified or were required.

The enclosed reports provide the detail behind the results and baseline already reported in paragraphs 6.6.13-6.6.52 and 6.6.53-6.6.111, Appendix 6.2 and Figure 6.8 respectively of the Environmental Statement, and also incorporate the results of the confirmatory surveys and sampling referred to above. The reports have been subject to detailed review and comment by HMAG.

¹ Available at the Scientific Committee website:

<http://www.a303scientificcommittee.org.uk/archaeological-reports>

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The following archaeological evaluation and survey reports are submitted to the Examination:

Report title	Highways England document reference number	Subject
Reports detailing fieldwork results already reported in ES		
Geophysical Survey: Phase 4	HE551506-AMW-EHR-SW-GN_000_Z-RP-LH-0001	Geophysical survey of land between Berwick Down and the A360, and at Rollestone Corner
Archaeological Evaluation Report: Eastern Portal – Part 1: Text	HE551506-AMW-EHR-Z4-GN_000_Z-RP-LH-0001	Archaeological evaluation of the eastern portal and approaches
Archaeological Evaluation Report: Eastern Portal – Part 2: Figures		
Ploughzone Artefact Sampling and Trial Trench Evaluation: Rollestone Corner	HE551506-AMW-HER-Z2_SR_B20_Z-RP-LH-0001	Archaeological evaluation of land at Rollestone Corner
Ploughzone Artefact Collection and Trial Trench Evaluation: Longbarrow Junction – Part 1: Text	HE551506-AMW-EHR-Z2_JN_L00_Z-RO-LH-0001	Archaeological evaluation of the new Longbarrow Junction, A303 cutting and the A360 link roads, west of the A360
Ploughzone Artefact Collection and Trial Trench Evaluation: Longbarrow Junction – Part 2: Figures		
Archaeological Evaluation Report: Western Portal and Approach – Part 1: Text	HE551506-AMW-EHR-Z2_ML_M00_Z-RP-LH-0001	Archaeological evaluation of the western portal and approaches
Archaeological Evaluation Report: Western Portal and Approach – Part 2: Figures		
Reports confirming results of existing surveys referred to in ES		
Archaeological Evaluation Report: Winterbourne Stoke West – Part 1: Text	HE551506-AMW-EHR-Z1_GN_000_Z-RP-LH-0003	Archaeological evaluation of the Winterbourne Stoke Bypass (west of the B3083)
Archaeological Evaluation Report: Winterbourne Stoke West – Part 2: Figures		
Archaeological Evaluation Report: Winterbourne Stoke East – Part 1: Text	HE551506-AMW-EHR-Z1_GN_000_Z-RP-LH-0004	Archaeological evaluation of the Winterbourne Stoke Bypass (east of the B3083)
Archaeological Evaluation Report: Winterbourne Stoke East – Part 2: Figures		
Electrical Resistance Tomography and Borehole Survey Report	HE551506-AMW-EHR-Z1_GN_000_Z-RP-LH-0005	Geophysical and borehole survey relating to land on the Winterbourne Stoke

		Bypass (west)
Geophysical Survey Report: Amesbury Road Diversion	HE551506-AMW-EHR- SW_GN_000_Z-RP-LH-0002	Geophysical survey of land proposed for the Amesbury Road (AMES1) diversion
Geophysical Survey Report: Countess East GPR Pilot Survey	HE551506-AMW-EHR- Z4_GN_000_Z-RP-LH-0002	Geophysical pilot survey at Countess East
Miscellaneous		
Archaeological Investigations and Mitigation Report: GI Phase 6 and Advanced Phase 7	HE551506-AMW-HER- SW_GN_000_Z-RP-EN-0003	Reporting on archaeological monitoring of trial pits for GI boreholes

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