

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

Examining Authority's note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) made on Monday 1 April 2019

Background

1. The third USI (USI3) was undertaken by David Richards, a member of the Examining Authority (ExA) on his own on the afternoon of Monday 1 April 2019.
2. The USI was undertaken from publicly accessible land. No access to private land, including that forming part of the application site, was sought or made.
3. The weather was good, conditions being mostly sunny and still, with good visibility.

Particulars of the site inspection

13:15 Parked on Solstice Park, near the intersection of AMES29 with AMES1 Amesbury Road Byway. Walked northwards along Amesbury Road Byway to the intersection with A303, observing Tumuli and private track to Allington Track.

13:30 Walked eastwards along southern verge of A303 to Junction with Allington Track, and then back to car via the same route.

14:30 Drove to Solstice Park overbridge and then via A303 to Bulford Camp and then via Double Hedges to Woodhenge.

14:45 Walked onto Durrington Walls and the Cuckoo Stone to observe views of the existing A303 and the location of the proposed tunnel portal.

15.30 Drove to Fargo Road via the Packway. Walked southwards along BOAT 12 to the Stones and to the A303 to observe the junction with BOAT 12

16.40 Returned by car to Amesbury via The Packway, B3086 and A303 Eastbound, observing junctions between A303 and BOATS 11 and 12.

Conclusion

The purpose of the visit was to understand the current operation of the Public Right of Way (PRoW) network in the central/eastern part of the scheme and the effect of Highways England's proposed changes. Further USIs will be undertaken during the Examination by the ExA as a whole or by individual members of the ExA.