

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 second USI (USI2) was undertaken by Alan Novitzky, 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. Apart from use of the shuttle bus service from Stonehenge Visitors Centre to the Stones, the USI was undertaken on foot.
3. The weather was good, conditions being mostly sunny and still, with good visibility.

Particulars of the site inspection

12:15 Arrived at Stonehenge Visitors Centre after having driven on the A303 westwards, past the Stones, in congested traffic conditions.

12:30 Studied the Stonehenge Exhibition in some depth.

14:00 Shuttle bus to the Monument terminus.

14:10 Walked north-eastwards along the Avenue to the 'elbow', looking towards the Stones at various points, taking note of its appearance within the landscape. Continued along the Avenue to Kings Ridge, observing the surrounding topography and the disposition of surrounding monuments.

14:45 Visited the New King and Old King Barrows, then walked southwards to Stonehenge Cottages.

15:00 Walked westwards and north-westwards, back to the Stones.

15:45 Spent some time studying the Stones and their location in the surrounding countryside.

17:00 Visit concluded, left the site.

Conclusion

The visit allowed deeper understanding of the spatial disposition of the site, its surroundings, and the Proposed Development. Further USIs will be undertaken during the Examination by the ExA as a whole or by individual members of the ExA.