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Our Ref: TR010025

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Dear Sir/ Madam

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 13 and Rule 16

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

Notification of hearings

We write to all Interested Parties to provide notice of the dates, times and places of forthcoming hearings which will be held in June and July 2019. We also write to provide notice of the date, time and meeting place for a second Accompanied Site Inspection which will be held in August 2019.

Issue Specific Hearings

We have decided to hold a series of Issue Specific Hearings (ISH). Details of and arrangements for these hearings are set out at **Annex A**.

If you plan to attend any of these ISHs (even if you do not wish to speak) please let the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team know **no later than 24 May 2019**.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

As set out in the Examination Timetable annexed to our Rule 8 letter dated 11 April 2019, those Interested Parties who wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH) were asked to notify the Planning Inspectorate by 18 April 2019 (Deadline 1). At least one request was received from an Affected Person to be heard at a CAH and consequentially such a hearing must be held. Details of arrangements for this hearing are set out at **Annex B**.

If you plan to attend this CAH (even if you do not wish to speak) please let the Case Team know **no later than 2 July 2019**.

Accompanied Site Inspection 2

We have decided that in order for us to be able to inspect all relevant and important sites and features associated with this application, in addition to the Accompanied Site Inspection on 21 May 2019, a second Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI2) must be undertaken in August 2019.

The date, time and meeting place for ASI2 are set out at **Annex C** to this letter.

The itinerary for ASI2 will be published on or before 29 July 2019. If having considered the published itinerary you would like to attend ASI2, please let the Case Team know **no later than 15 August 2019**.

Notifications of attendance etc

It would also assist us if when notifying the Case Team of your attendance at any of the events notified in this letter you could inform them of any special requirements you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Please ensure that you include your Interested Party reference number in your correspondence. This is provided either in the email covering this letter or on the postcard you have received.

An agenda for each of the hearings will be published on our website in the week prior to the event taking place.

Please note that if any of the events scheduled at **Annex A**, **Annex B** or **Annex C** are no longer required, reasonable notice will be provided to Interested Parties of our decision to cancel them.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the Case Team using the details in the above header.

Yours faithfully

Wendy McKay

Wendy McKay
Lead Member of the Examining Authority

Annex A – Dates, times and places for June 2019 Issue Specific Hearings

Annex B – Date, time and place for July 2019 Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

Annex C – Date, time and meeting place for August 2019 Accompanied Site Inspection

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Dates, times and places for June 2019 Issue Specific Hearings

Please be advised that the Examining Authority (ExA) will hold the following hearings under section 91 of the Planning Act 2008 on the following dates:

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Issue Specific Hearing 1 Draft Development Consent Order	4 June 2019		
Issue Specific Hearing 2 Cultural heritage including hydrological implications for Blick Mead *	5 June 2019 and 6 June 2019		
Issue Specific Hearing 3 Landscape and visual effects and design	7 June 2019		
Issue Specific Hearing 4 Flood risk, groundwater protection, geology, land contamination, waste and materials management	11 June 2019	10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	City Hall Malthouse Lane Salisbury SP2 7TU
Issue Specific Hearing 5 Noise and vibration, health and wellbeing	12 June 2019		
Issue Specific Hearing 6 Traffic and transportation	13 June 2019		
Issue Specific Hearing 7 Biodiversity, biological environment and ecology	14 June 2019		

* Issues relating to the hydrological implications for Blick Mead will be heard on day 2 of this hearing: 6 June 2019.

If you wish to participate in or observe at any of these Issue Specific Hearings, please let the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team know by emailing A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk **no later than 24 May 2019** indicating which hearing you wish to attend and the matters in respect of which you wish to speak.

Agendas for the Issue Specific Hearings will be published on our website approximately one week prior to the hearing to which they relate taking place.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

The time allocated for each of the hearings has been estimated based on the matters identified for consideration. Should a hearing take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. Equally, if there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day or adjourn the hearing and continue at a subsequent sitting.

Date, time and place for July 2019 Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

Please be advised that the Examining Authority (ExA) will hold the following hearing under section 92 of the Planning Act 2008 on the following dates:

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1	9 July 2019 and 10 July 2019	10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	City Hall Malthouse Lane Salisbury SP2 7TU

If you wish to participate in or observe at this Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, please let the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team know by emailing A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk **no later than 2 July 2019** indicating your wish to attend and the matters in respect of which you wish to speak.

An agenda for this Compulsory Acquisition Hearing will be published on our website approximately one week prior to the hearing taking place.

The time allocated for the hearing has been estimated based on the matters identified for consideration. Should it take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. Equally, if there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at the hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day or adjourn the hearing and continue at a subsequent sitting.

Date, time and meeting place for August 2019 Accompanied Site Inspection

Please be advised that the Examining Authority (ExA) will hold a second Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI2) under Rule 16 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date and time	Meeting place
Accompanied Site Inspection 2	29 August 2019 Safety briefing at 8.00am Departure 8.15am	Stonehenge Visitor Centre Salisbury SP4 7DE

The itinerary for ASI2 will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website on or before 29 July 2019.

After considering the published itinerary, if you wish to attend ASI2 please let the Case Team know by emailing A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk **no later than 15 August 2019** indicating the specific site(s) named in the itinerary at which you wish to meet the ExA.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the minibus that will be used for ASI2 will be **strictly limited**. Priority capacity must be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate, the Applicant, local authorities and relevant Statutory Parties.

Any Interested Parties who express a wish to attend ASI2 for its duration will be contacted by the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary.

The inspection may include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather, and sturdy footwear.

Please be reminded that the purpose of site inspections is to allow the ExA to look at particular physical features, first hand. It is not an opportunity for Interested Parties to make any oral representations about the application to the ExA.