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A303 Supplementary Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the Supplementary Consultation and welcome the opportunity to comment further.

We are disappointed that issues raised with regard to the Eastern Section do not appear to have been addressed.

In our previous submission, we suggested a bi-directional off-carriageway cycleway/footway with a bound surface alongside the A303 between Amesbury Road and Allington Road. Provided that cyclists were also exempt from the closure of Allington Road between the A303 and the new road to Solstice Park, this would eliminate the severance at very little extra cost. From Solstice Park, cyclists can use existing routes to Amesbury and Stonehenge.

Please advise whether it is planned to review this Eastern Section. As you are aware, Stonehenge Youth Hostel is located on Amesbury Road and there is considerable pent-up demand for a safe and convenient route from the hostel to Amesbury and Stonehenge.

In your Supplementary Consultation you have outlined 3 changes and our comments on those are as follows:

1. We support the removal of the link between Byways 11 and 12.
2. We support the wider green bridge near the existing Longbarrow roundabout
3. Our primary concern is that cyclists are able to use the redesigned junction safely irrespective of which option is adopted.

In our previous submission we referred to the use of Flexipave or similar where a bound surface is inappropriate. We reiterate that routes with a potential for utility cycling, e.g. the former A303, should have a bound surface but there may be other rights of way, where an unbound surface is more appropriate. We are taking this opportunity to enclosure a recent article in Waymark, the journal of



the Institute of Public Rights of Way and Access Management (IPROW) about the successful use of this type of material.

As we said in our earlier response, the devil is often in the detail and so we request that there is early engagement with cycling representatives at an early stage in the detailed design process.

Yours sincerely,

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Winchester CTC on behalf of Cycling UK

Enc. Article in Waymark Summer 2018