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To: A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Deadline 2 Comment on Relevant Representation Gillian Anlezark (20019632) on behalf of COGS

**Date:** 03 May 2019 14:02:43

Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to comment on bullet point 3 (highlighted) of the Relevant Representation from Wiltshire Ramblers copied below.

COGS (Cycling Opportunities Group for Salisbury) also supports byway AMES2 to be kept open and a bridge or underpass being built suitable for all legal users.

The proposed modifications to Allington Track and closure of AMES1 and 2, will increase severance for non-motorised users (NMUs) and lengthen journey times as well as increasing the risk to cyclists and other NMUs sharing road space with motorised traffic. Whilst appreciating the safety issues of keeping the crossing open to slower moving traffic, we would ask the Panel to consider if the extra distance for cyclists or walkers travelling to and from Bulford village or Camp to Boscombe Down or other destinations in the Bourne Valley for employment or leisure (estimated at 3-5km each way plus extra gradients to negotiate, depending on where journeys begin and end) is acceptable. All NMUs will be forced to use the Solstice roundabout with motorised traffic.

Furthermore, Wiltshire Council state in the Local Impact Report Section 7, page 46 that "Allington Track is forecast to have traffic volumes nearly double from existing levels as a result of the Scheme. It is considered that the proposed new route might attract lorries to and from Solstice from the A338, and this might represent a severe negative impact......". Furthermore, in section 8 PRoW, p53, they note "Sheet 11 (of 15) PROW AMES 2, where it meets A303 north of A303 — Proposal to be stopped up and connection to A303 closed. There is no alternative provision north and no connection south of A303". To mitigate severance, we would support a bridge or underpass at this point and an improved on or off road to provide a two-way link to the Youth Hostel at Cholderton. If these are provided, we will not object to the stopping up of the PRoWs.

Yours faithfully, Gillian Anlezark (COGS Committee Member)

## Relevant Representation from Wiltshire Ramblers

"Wiltshire Ramblers is broadly supportive of this long-overdue initiative to improve the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down, but would like to repeat some of the requests/observations we made in our response to the official consultation on the proposals:

- we would like the new footpath and cycle track running along the north side of the existing A303 from Winterbourne Stoke to the south side of the new Longbarrow junction to start at the junction of the existing A303 and WSTO4and to cross the River Till on its own footbridge north of the present A303
- we cannot see why the central section of the existing A303 above the new tunnel

should be fenced off, as this would prevent visitors to the World Heritage Site from roaming freely across it

- we would like byway AMES2 to be kept open and a footbridge to be built across the A303 where Allington Lane/byway AMES2 crosses it to facilitate this, as the considerable diversion to the west which would be required without this for users of Allington Lane or AMES1 is, we believe, unreasonably inconvenient. Such users are likely to include military staff housed in married quarters at Boscombe Down who require frequent access to Bulford Camp"