



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

**Written Representation on behalf Mr Steven Moore ID20020365
to comply with Deadline 2 imposed by the Examination Authority**

Table 13 .23 of ES Statement 13 dated October 2018 presents a figure of 6 hectares being the land required from the holding however, at a meeting held with Highways England in May 2018 David Bullock the Project Manager stated Highways England were looking to acquire the whole of the 55 hectares I own at Winterbourne Stoke. At subsequent meetings this has not been changed. Highways England need to be precise in determining what area they are looking to acquire permanently as the figure appearing in table 13.23 is misleading. It is perhaps a point that the Examining Authority should request further information from Highways England about.

Highways England have been asked on numerous occasions to provide the detailed reasoning as to why there is an essential need to acquire this area of highly fertile and productive agricultural land for the purposes of the scheme particularly as it is to be used for spreading the tunnel arisings and Highways England are not making an attempt to restore it to any agricultural use which could be returned to me. I believe that Highways England have seen this as an easy way to provide “environmental mitigation”, but they have not considered the social or economic effect on my business if the compulsory acquisition proceeds.

The information has not been forthcoming and as highlighted in confirming my status as an interest party APP-285 6.3 Environmental Statement Appendix 21 Tunnel Arisings Management Strategy does not offer any agricultural justification to support the compulsory acquisition of the entirety of this area for the purpose stated. I simply believe that Highways England are merely cooperating with English Nature to achieve an extension of the existing Parsonage Down SSSI by taking the opportunity of using Tunnel Arising Management Strategy and have not carried out the required agricultural justification assessments which have not been agreed with me or my Agent to justify the need for compulsory acquiring the 55 hectares.

Within APP-285 6.3 Environmental Statement Appendix 21 Tunnel Arisings Management Strategy there is a comparative assessment of potential sites however, these appear to have completely ignored the impact that either of the two options considered suitable would have on the businesses that own the sites. I will repeat the impact on my business if the whole of the land at Winterbourne Stoke is permanently acquired is that I will lose 21% of the area that I own which in turn will have its own social and economic effects. I do not believe that whoever was responsible for the assessment has considered the business effect on English Nature if the land south of Parsonage Down was used for tunnel arisings management as it would have very little impact as opposed to the impact it will have on my business.

The summary of impacts in the same document is deficient in regard to the content for the land south of Parsonage Down as opposed to the assessment given for the intended land to be acquired which indicates to me that the incorrect assessment has been undertaken and therefore, I would urge the Examining Authority to explore further the comparative arguments between the two that the applicant should be examined upon.

The proposal also includes a balance pond within a chalk landscape. Being situated on chalk this pond simply will not work as for the very vast majority of the time will be devoid of water as the water will drain through the chalk and dissipate. This again, is seen as a simply way of trying to achieve environmental mitigation but in practice it will not work and will not achieve the mitigation intended.

If it is determined that 55 hectares is not required for permanent acquisition which is the basis upon which all our discussions with Highways England have been based, to date there has been no consideration of any alternative position that would require considerations of accommodation works that would be required to be able to facilitate the effective continuing farming operation and I would request that the Examining Authority direct that Highways England consider these at this stage rather than post the examination which appears to be an oversight in the process at this stage.

Table 13.16 within Chapter 13 of the ES is inaccurate for Manor Farm Stapleford as Agricultural Contracting is undertaken and I totally disagree with the sensitivity to change being stated as Medium. It is High if I am to lose 21% of the area I own. I would like to ask whoever prepared this table to clearly explain how they have arrived at their results as none of this has been discussed or agreed with the applicant and should therefore be examined.

ExQ SE.1.3 has asked for clarification about the assessment methodology of the effects upon the different holdings and if they are agreed or disagreed. There has not been any in agreement or negotiation about either table and the disruptive effects are major and I would question the area required from the holding as a percentage as I believe it to be 21% as previously stated. Table 13.23 states land required from the holding to be 6Ha yet Table 13.22 states this to be 56ha . I would suggest that Highways England should be questioned about their real intentions for this site and the query about the actual area required determined..

Signed
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RICS Valuer

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CHARTERED VALUATION SURVEYOR

APPENDIX A
Land owned by Mr S Moore edged in Red