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Dear Mr Price,

**A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down
Application for Development Consent – Deadline 2 Submission**

Further to the Rule 8 letter dated 11 April please find enclosed the following documents set out in the order shown in item 5 of Annex A and section 6 of Annex B of that letter:

Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs)

This was submitted to the Examining Authority (ExA) on 10 April 2019.

Initial Statements of Common Ground requested by the ExA

Please find enclosed initial Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) with the following parties, as listed in Annex E of the Rule 6 letter:

English Heritage Trust
Environment Agency
Historic Buildings and Monuments for England
National Farmers Union
National Trust
Natural England
RSPB*
Wiltshire Council
Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council

*RSPB have obtained officer approval and this initial SOCG remains subject to legal review.

Please note that Amesbury Town Council and Stonehenge Alliance have indicated they do not want to enter into a SoCG. The latest position is as follows:

Amesbury Town Council

Through a number of email exchanges with Amesbury Town Councillor, Roger Fisher, the Council has advised that it has no wish to enter into aSoCG. Instead the Council has confirmed in its letter to the Inspectorate of 13 December 2018 that it has nothing to add to its February

2017 statement, which was a response to the non-statutory consultation held in early 2017. The Council's statement from February 2017 can be provided to Examining Authority, if required.

Stonehenge Alliance

Following the issue of the Rule 6 letter, the Stonehenge Alliance was approached via Dr Fielden and asked if it wished to enter into a SoCG. Initially Stonehenge Alliance indicated that it wished to give further consideration to the request. More recently, on 23 April, Dr Fielden has indicated that, as far as she is aware, Stonehenge Alliance will not be seeking to enter into a SoCG and Stonehenge Alliance would be advising the ExA themselves of their decision.

In addition, and as requested by the ExA at the Preliminary meeting, we are speaking with the Trail Riders Fellowship regarding a SoCG and anticipate submitting an initial draft by Deadline 3 (31 May).

Responses to the ExA's First Written Questions and Requests for Information

Please find enclosed our response to the ExA's First Written Questions and Requests for Information (WQ). Due to file size, we have separated the response into separate documents based on the topic areas as set out in the ExA WQ document.

Draft Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (DAMS)

Please find enclosed this document.

A standalone Mitigation Schedule referred to as a 'Consolidated Environmental Mitigation Schedule'

Please find enclosed this document, as requested in Annex E, Section 4, of the Rule 6 letter.

The various documents requested at section 4 of Annex E to the Rule 6 letter

Save for the standalone Mitigation Schedule and Public Rights of Way Clarifications Document referred to above and enclosed with this letter, these documents were provided at Deadline 1.

An updated version of the Guide to the Application [AS-013]

Please find enclosed this document.

An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule [AS-011]

Please find enclosed both a clean and track changed version of this document.

An updated Book of Reference [APP-025]

Please find enclosed both a clean and a track changed version of this document. Also included is a 'Schedule of Changes' document.

An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [APP-020]

Please find enclosed both a clean and track changed version of this document, together with a document explaining the changes to the dDCO submitted at application.

Public Rights of Way (PRoW) clarifications covering Materials; Fencing; Lighting; and Surfacing.

Please find enclosed this document. This has been produced in response to Annex E, Section 4, of the Rule 6 letter that asked Highways England to produce a document that establishes the details in respect of the design of the PRoWs affected by the Proposed Development. As requested this includes reference to; materials, fencing, lighting and surfacing.

Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules

- Four further Hydrogeological Reports and Flood Risk Assessment (FRA)

Highways England was due to submit four finalised Hydrogeological Reports. We have received and incorporated into the Reports the final Environment Agency comments on these documents. However, Wiltshire Council is not able to provide comments until 10 May. It is Highways England's view that it will be most helpful to the Examination to see these documents with comments from both bodies incorporated. As such, the intention, as discussed with the case manager, is to incorporate Wiltshire Council's comments and issue final documents at Deadline 3. These reports will supersede the draft reports that were submitted to the ExA on 5 April 2019. If the Examining Authority wishes to see the hydrogeological reports before this date with only the Environment Agency's comments reflected, these can of course be provided.

Highways England was due to submit an updated FRA. We have received a second set of Environment Agency comments on fluvial flood risk and are currently updating the FRA to take account of these, and any relevant information from Wiltshire Council's comments on the Hydrogeological Reports when they are provided to us. As with the hydrogeological reports, is Highways England's view that it will be of more assistance to the Examination to see the updated FRA with comments from both bodies incorporated. Consequently, we propose to issue the updated FRA at Deadline 3, which will supersede the version submitted to the ExA on 19 October 2018.

- Updated Road Drainage Strategy

Please find enclosed both a clean and tracked changed document. The Road Drainage Strategy has been the subject of a minor update at the request of the Environment Agency and Wiltshire Council. This change is to address a concern raised by Wiltshire Council in relation to the proposed use of a 539m culvert as part of the Scheme drainage design. The change is consistent with the description of the drainage proposals in the scheme description in Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement (ES) [APP-040] and the mitigation measures described in the ES. However, a change in the drainage strategy is proposed so that it better reflects the agreed drainage in this location. The new proposal does not impact on the findings or conclusions of the ES.

- Updated Funding Statement

Please find enclosed both a clean and track changed document. This was produced in response to Written Question CA.1.15.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and enclosed documents.

Yours sincerely



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