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Planning Act 2008 – section 91

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

Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 2 dealing with matters relating to cultural heritage including hydrological implications for Blick Mead

The Examining Authority (ExA) notified Interested Parties (IPs) in its letter dated 7 May 2019 of the decision to hold an Issue Specific Hearing (ISH) into the above matters on the following dates:

Hearing	Date and time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 2 Cultural heritage including hydrological implications for Blick Mead	**5 June 2019** and **6 June 2019** **10.00am** (seating available from 9.30am)	City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU

Participation, conduct and management of hearing

Oral submissions on other subject matters or from persons who are not IPs may only be heard at the discretion of the ExA.

The following IPs are invited, in particular, to attend and participate in this hearing:

- Historic England (including Head of International Affairs);
- English Heritage;
- The National Trust;
- Wiltshire Council;
- The Environment Agency (Day 2 - 6 June 2019, only);
- Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Coordination Unit;
- ICOMOS-UK;
- The Stonehenge Alliance;
- Consortium of archaeologists/ Blick Mead Project Team;
- Council for British Archaeology;
- Amesbury Abbey Group; and
- Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

The named persons have been invited for the following reasons:

- As public bodies with policy and regulatory responsibilities associated with the subject matter;
- as national and local authorities for the affected area; or
- as parties with another special interest.

Participation in the hearing is subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing. IPs may be invited to make oral representations at the hearing[1] (subject to the ExA's power to control the hearing). Oral representations should be based on the Relevant Representations or Written Representations made by the person by whom (or on whose behalf) the oral representations are made[2].

However, representations made at the hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission. Rather, they should draw attention to those submissions in summary form and provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the ExA.

The ExA may ask questions about representations or ask the Applicant or other party to comment or respond. The ExA will probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questioning of persons making oral representations. Questioning at the hearing will therefore be led by a member of the Panel, supported by other Panel members.

This agenda is for guidance only. It is not designed to be exclusive or exhaustive. The ExA may add other issues for consideration, may alter the order in which issues are considered and will seek to allocate sufficient time to each issue to allow proper consideration of them.

Any lack of discussion of a particular issue at a hearing does not preclude further examination of that issue, including through the inclusion of questions in the ExA's Second Written Questions (if issued).

Should the consideration of the issues 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. Some of the issues identified in the agenda are by their nature overlapping. It may be the case therefore that certain questions later on in the agenda are answered by earlier questions. If this is the case the ExA will acknowledge this at the time.

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 continue the hearing at a subsequent sitting.

Breaks will be taken during the hearing as directed by the ExA.

All parties should note that the agenda given below is to provide a framework for this hearing and offer discussion points; it does not constrain the ExA to specific topics. The ExA may wish to raise other matters arising from submissions and pursue lines of inquiry in the course of the discussions which are not included in this agenda.

[1] s91 Planning Act 2008
[2] s91 Planning Act 2008

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AGENDA

1. OPENING REMARKS BY THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. POLICY AND GUIDANCE

Including that of:

i. ICOMOS/ UNESCO.

ii. The National Policy Statement for National Networks.

iii. Wiltshire Council.

iv. The National Planning Policy Framework.

v. Emerging reports, policy, and guidance including the World Heritage Property Setting Study and Boundary Review, and UNESCO World Heritage Committee decision on the DDMS State of Conservation Report expected at their 43rd session, July 2019.

vi. Discussion of these items and how they interrelate. Whether the appropriate test of acceptability turns on the overall balance of harm against benefit, or on whether adverse impact on 'outstanding universal value' (OUV) should be avoided whatever the benefit.

4. STONEHENGE AND AVEBURY WORLD HERITAGE SITE (WHS) IN CONTEXT

Including a 5-minute speaking slot for Richard Bartosz.

i. Consideration of the WHS as a whole, and of its surrounding area.

ii. The Statement of OUV and the relevance of Mesolithic as well as Neolithic and Bronze Age matters.

iii. The effects of the Proposed Development on the cultural heritage of the WHS as a whole.

iv. Alternative tunnel lengths.

v. Alternative routes.

5. ES CHAPTER 6: CULTURAL HERITAGE AND APPENDIX 6.1: HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA)

i. Discussion of the adequacies of content, analyses, assessments and conclusions.

ii. Missing information.

iii. Range of photomontages and choice of receptors.

6. EFFECT OF ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON CULTURAL HERITAGE ASSETS AND THEIR SETTINGS

Including a 10-minute presentation by Paul Garwood and a 5-minute speaking slot for Professor Mike Parker Pearson.

i. Winterbourne Stoke by-pass including Parsonage Down and the River Till viaduct.

ii. Winterbourne Stoke (Longbarrow) Junction.

iii. Cuttings, embankments, and land bridges.

iv. Western portal, including 200m limit of deviation westwards.

v. Cut and cover tunnel and bored tunnel.

vi. Eastern portal, including 30m limit of deviation eastwards.

vii. Countess flyover.

viii. East of Amesbury.

7. DETAILED ARCHAEOLOGICAL MITIGATION STRATEGY (DAMS) AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

This item will be heard on 6 June 2019.

Including a 10-minute presentation by Professor Mike Parker Pearson.

i. **Content**: Archaeological narrative, identification of archaeological sites and their description, scheme impact, and the mitigation proposed.

ii. **Mitigation methods**: Adequacy in themselves and in their application to particular sites.

iii. **Lines of reporting**: Decision making responsibilities and how these are to be secured in the Development Consent Order (DCO).

8. BLICK MEAD

This item will be heard on 6 June 2019.

i. The adequacy of baseline information for ground water levels and surface water levels.

ii. The effects of variations in ground and surface water on the archaeology both historically and in the future.

iii. The adequacy of the Tiered Assessment.

iv. The necessity for ongoing monitoring during the construction and the operational phases and how that would be secured in the DCO.

9. ANY OTHER MATTERS

10. CLOSE OF HEARING