

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

Examining Authority's note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) made on Friday 24 May 2019

Background

1. The fourth USI (USI4) was undertaken by Edwin Maund, a member of the Examining Authority (ExA) on his own on the morning of Friday 24 May 2019.
2. The USI was undertaken from publicly accessible land. No access to private land, including that forming part of the application site, was sought or made.
3. The weather was good, conditions being mostly sunny and still, with good visibility.

Particulars of the site inspection

1. 8.30am parked at central car park in Amesbury, then cycled to Countess Roundabout and proceeded to walk through Lords Walk to Ratfyn Road. Continued along bridleway across A303 north up to sewage works.
2. Cycled north east along bridleway to Bulford, before re-joining A3028 to Durrington and Larkhill.
3. Travelled south off Wood Road before viewing the landscape from the Right of way to the east of Strangeways (DURR30).
4. Re-joined road to travel West through Larkhill to then travel south down Ames 12 Byway, crossing the A303 and continuing south south west to the A360. Viewed the area looking north and south from both sides of the A303, observing the traffic at the time and listening to the sounds from various points along route.
5. Followed the A360 south up to the right of way opposite Camp Cottages and heading east to Upper Woodford.
6. Followed National Cycle Route 45 back to Amesbury.

Conclusion

The purpose of the visit was to further understand the current setting of the World Heritage Site and gain an appreciation of the character of the area from these vantage points. Further USIs will be undertaken during the Examination by the ExA as a whole or by individual members of the ExA.