

## **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 sixth USI (USI6) was carried out by Alan Novitzky, a member of the Examining Authority (ExA) on his own on the morning of Friday 24 May.
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 very good, conditions being mostly sunny and still, with good visibility. The USI was made on foot after parking the car in the locations noted.

#### **Particulars of the site inspection**

1. 10.00am arrived at the parking lay-by on the A4 for the West Kennet Long Barrow. Walked towards Silbury Hill, seeing it from the road, from a footpath to the east, and from the viewing location to the west.
2. 11.00am walked back along the A4 and took the footpath towards the Long Barrow, taking in its location in the landscape. Walked inside the Long Barrow and around it, sighting Silbury Hill and the surrounding landscape from the top of the Barrow.
3. 12.00pm drove to Avebury and parked in the area reserved for visitors to the Stone Circle. Walked to the Circle, amongst the Stones and around them, noting the context of village, road and landscape. Viewed the museum exhibitions.
4. 2.00pm started journey home.

#### **Conclusion**

The visit allowed deeper understanding of the overall character of the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site (WHS), the relationship of its monuments, and the possibilities for visitors to take in the whole or separate parts of the WHS. Further USIs will be undertaken during the Examination by the ExA as a whole or by individual members of the ExA.