

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 6 dealing with matters relating to traffic and transportation

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 date:

Hearing	Date and time	Location
Issue Specific Hearing 6 Traffic and transportation	13 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:

- The Applicant;
- Wiltshire Council;
- The Trail Riders Fellowship (TRF);
- The British Horse Society;
- Wiltshire Ramblers;
- Cycling Opportunities Group for Salisbury (COGS);
- Green Lanes Federation;
- Green Lanes Environmental Action Movement (GLEAM);
- The Stonehenge Alliance;
- Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council;
- Shrewton Parish Council;
- Stonehenge Traffic Action Group (STAG);
- Devon County Council;
- Graham Parker;
- Robert Turner;



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- Simon Banton;
- Paul Gossage;
- Suzanne Keene;
- Andrew Rhind-Tutt;
- English Heritage;
- Historic England; and
- The National Trust.

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 hearing¹ (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 made².

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

¹ s91 Planning Act 2008

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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 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.

References in square brackets [] are to the unique document identification number in the Examination Library. This document is found on the National Infrastructure Planning website at:

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AGENDA

- 1. OPENING REMARKS BY THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY**
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 3. METHODOLOGY AND MODELLING**
 - 3.1** Reliability and validation of the local transport model - A303 Stonehenge South West Regional Traffic Model (SWRTM).
 - 3.2** Reliability of traffic forecasts including predictions for annual average daytime traffic (AADT) growth on A303.
 - 3.3** Frequency of busy days and profile/ extent of time savings.
- 4. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PRoW)**
 - 4.1** SLAN3 - suggested need for safe crossing of A303 at western end of scheme at Yarnbury Castle.
 - 4.2** Proposed new restricted byway with agricultural access to tie in with SLAN3 north of the A303 [APP-009, Ref B].
 - 4.3** Need for and location of Green Bridge 1.
 - 4.4** Proposed new route, part byway open to all traffic (BOAT) and part restricted byway along the southern side of the A303 to tie in with SLAN3 [APP-009, Refs A and D].
 - 4.5** New BOAT to tie in with WST06B and need for/ location of Green Bridge 2 [APP-009, Ref F].
 - 4.6** Proposed new bridleway from Winterbourne Stoke to Longbarrow junction, north of existing A303 and continuation to connect with restricted byway within the World Heritage Site via Green Bridge 4 [APP-009, Refs Y and Z].
 - 4.7** Crossing arrangements for non-motorised users (NMUs) at Longbarrow junction.
 - 4.8** Siting of Green Bridge 4.
 - 4.9** Omission of link for motorised users along route of existing A303 between AMES11 and AMES12 from Proposed Development.
 - 4.10** Legal implications of turning AMES11 into a cul de sac for motorised users.
 - 4.11** Whether the Development Consent Order should include a prohibition of driving order along the section of route between AMES11 and AMES12.
 - 4.12** Implications of these proposals for s130 of the Highways Act 1980, the Public Sector Equality Duty and paragraph 3.19 of the National Policy Statement for National Networks.



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4.13 Proposed restricted byway alongside A360 and interaction with Stonehenge Visitor Centre.

4.14 Proposed stopping-up of AMES1 and new footpath along its route [APP-009, Ref P].

4.15 Treatment of stopped-up Allington Track.

5. CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC

5.1 Potential for diversions from A303 to alternative routes during the construction phase to affect communities.

5.2 Environmental impacts of construction traffic using internal haul routes.

6. OPERATIONAL TRAFFIC

6.1 Potential for traffic diversion during tunnel closures/ emergencies to affect communities.

6.2 Potential for exceptional loads to affect communities.

7. ASSESSMENT OF OTHER SUGGESTED ROUTES

Including 10-minute speaking slot for Andrew Rhind-Tutt.

7.1 Route F010 – through Upper Woodford Valley.

7.2 The 'Parker Route' – Balfour Beatty.

8. ECONOMIC AND BENEFIT COST RATION (BCR) APPRAISAL

Including 5-minute speaking slots for Devon County Council (Councillor Andrea Davis), Paul Gossage and Suzanne Keene.

8.1 Reliance on monetisation of cultural heritage benefits to achieve positive BCR.

8.2 Improving the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down, National Audit Office, May 2019.

9. ANY OTHER MATTERS

10. CLOSE OF HEARING