

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 14 June 2019

Background

1. The seventh USI (USI7) was carried out by Alan Novitzky, a member of the Examining Authority (ExA) on his own on the morning of Friday 14 June.
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 mixed, conditions being overcast with light showers and occasional sun. Visibility was moderate. The inspection was made on foot after parking the car in the locations noted.

Particulars of the site inspection

1. 9.30am parked on Church Lane, Winterbourne Stoke. Walked around the settlement, including the Conservation Area, taking note of the character of the area, its listed buildings and other heritage assets. Viewed the settlement along the A303, from the east and from the west, observing the relationship between the Conservation Area, its setting, the environmental conditions, and the application site.
2. 10.30am parked in Amesbury Central car park. Walked through Amesbury, taking in the relationship of the Conservation Area and its heritage assets to the rest of the settlement and the application site. Observed the listed buildings and other heritage assets from the A345, including Diana's House and Kent House, including their relationship to the application site and its environmental conditions. Wandered along Lord's Walk, bordering the River Avon, as far as the road bridge carrying the A303, taking note of visual and other environmental conditions.
3. 12:00 started journey home.

Conclusion

The visit allowed deeper understanding of the relationship of the Proposed Development to sensitive areas associated with Winterbourne Stoke and Amesbury. Further USIs may be undertaken during the Examination by the ExA as a whole or by individual members of the ExA.