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To:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: SUMMARY OF ORAL REPRESENTATION ISSUE SPECIFIC HEARING 4 WEST AMESBURY FARMS

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Dear Sirs,

There appears to be a complete difference in interpretation as to the number of pumping tests carried out at West Amesbury Farm in 2018. At all times whilst in discussions with Highways England and their contractors were told that teats needed to be carried out both hopefully at peak and low flow times of year so updated data is available to influence how the tunnel is constructed. The previous data from Stonehenge Bottom was taken in 2003/2004 and we were told if additional tests could not be undertaken there was sufficient data taken then to use in the construction.

Highways England were only able to complete one test covering three boreholes in 2018. Two boreholes being located in Stonehenge Bottom and one in King Barrow field, to blatantly state that 3 tests have been carried out is incorrect as the pumping from each of the boreholes continued when the operation was completed at the first borehole.

There would therefore appear to be insufficient data to proceed with the construction and if Highways need to undertake more pumping tests they need to advise when this is programmed for so negotiations can start about the entrance requirements.

Wiltshire Council proposed 5 years of monitoring boreholes post construction however until questioned they did not appear to understand that this could only occur with the consent of the occupier and that compensation for continuaing to have boreholes installed would need to be made.

Yours faithfully Howard Smith

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