Dear Sir/Madam,

Wiltshire Council reports that Amesbury 12 is becoming heavily rutted. I was the MOD Lands Liaison Officer for 5 years and regularly visited Durrington Down Farm on Durrington 10 and then drove down Amesbury 12 to exit onto the A303, to visit farms nearer to Tidworth.

I was also heavily involved in the repairs of the 200 miles of stone tracks (similar to that on Amesbury 11 and 12).

I visited Durrington 10 and Amesbury 12 yesterday (Thursday)

The deep rutting appears to be on the chalk section i.e. Durrington 10, that has not been metalled. It also appears to have been caused by agricultural use.

I inspected Amesbury 12 and it is suffering from minor pot holing but that is because the route has not been given a camber to encourage proper drainage. I would have used more stone on Salisbury Plain as MOD vehicles, like agricultural machinery, are much heavier than cars and 4×4 .

Yours faithfully,

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