

A303 Stonehenge tunnel.

In response to Wiltshire Councils request to add closure of byways to the DCO I would like to propose an alternative solution.

Currently access to byways AMES11, AMES12, DURR10, WCLA1, BSJA11, WFOR16, and WCLA2, is relatively easy from surfaced roads ie Fargo Road, A303, A360 and the minor road at Lake.

When the tunnel is completed and the old A303 becomes a restricted byway access to these byways will no longer be possible from the A303 this will make access for most cars, vans and motorhomes etc more difficult as a greater length of unsurfaced byway will need to be traversed to facilitate access to those sections of AMES12 and AMES11 near Stonehenge.

If the access points at A360, Fargo Road and the minor road at Lake were suitably engineered to further deter these vehicles the problem of large numbers of vehicles and overnight parking would be virtually eliminated whilst still allowing access for farm vehicles, 4x4 vehicles, motorbikes and mobility buggies.

The above makes the assumption that AMES12 remains a through route where it crosses the line of the A303.

Before any changes to the status of the above byways are made or considered a detailed traffic survey needs to take place. This will give hard evidence of current usage by motor vehicles, ideally showing different classes such as 4x4, motorcycle, cars, motorhomes and agricultural vehicles.

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