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Your ref: TR010025

Our ref: A303-AFP022 Deadline 5 Response to
ExA 19.07.19

Dear Ms McKay

**Re: A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down (TR010025) – Wiltshire Council Response to
Deadline 5**

Further to the publication of the Rule 8(3) letter for the above referenced scheme on 19th June 2019, Wiltshire Council's response to Deadline 5 of the Examination is set out below and in the attached.

Deadline 5 Submission

The Council submits the following documents into Examination at this deadline:

- Written Summary of Oral Submissions made at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearings held on 9-10th July
- Response to Highways England's (HE) Comments on Deadline 3 Submissions (001126)
- Comments on Draft Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (Rev 1) (001128)
- Comments on Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule (Rev 2) (001134)
- Response to Comments Submitted at Deadline 4a on Legal Submissions

These have been included as separate documents to this submission.

**Draft DCO (Rev 3) (001131) and Outline Environmental Management Plan (OEMP)
(001137)**

Wiltshire Council acknowledges that updated versions of the dDCO and OEMP were submitted by HE at Deadline 4. Whilst the Council has reviewed these, due to the need for drafting to catch up with comments previously submitted by the Council on both documents at Deadline 4, the Council offers no further comment at this time but this is not to be construed as the Council having accepted the amendments made. Wiltshire Council will

now provide their further substantive response at Deadline 7, if an updated dDCO is submitted by HE at Deadline 6 in accordance with the revised Examination timetable.

Furthermore, the Council is aware that HE intend to submit a revised version of the OEMP into Examination shortly, and therefore will provide their substantive comments on the OEMP at the next deadline following submission. It is further acknowledged that it will be an iterative process for the development of this document.


ExA Decision on Wiltshire Council Proposed Amendment to dDCO

The ExA will be aware that the Council has consistently raised its concerns regarding the impact of the Scheme on Byways 11 and 12 since its initial statutory consultation response submitted to HE in May 2018. This issue was detailed within the Council's Relevant Representation submitted on 11th January 2019, its Local Impact Report submitted on 18th April 2019, its Written Representation submitted on 3rd May 2019, its comments on the dDCO submitted on 31st May 2019, its oral submissions (and subsequent written summaries) made at the Issue Specific Hearings held on 4th June, 12th June and 13th June 2019 and submitted on 28th June 2019, in its legal submission submitted on 21st June 2019, in its response to Deadline 4a submitted on 3rd July 2019 and at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearings held on 9-10th July 2019. The Council has also stated its position on this issue in response to various representations, ExA questions and comments received throughout the Examination.

The Council urgently requests that direction is provided by the ExA on whether the Council is permitted to progress its proposed amendment concerning Byways 11 and 12 to the dDCO. The Council is concerned that the timescales are now becoming extremely limited to progress the required public consultation to fully consider this matter during the time remaining in the Examination. The Council would urge the ExA to make a timely decision on this matter, and if it is not possible to progress the public consultation during the Examination, for the ExA to advise how the Council's concerns can be addressed within the permitted process.

I trust that the information above and in the attached fulfils the requirements of Deadline 5. However, if you require any further information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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