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Subject: SUMMARY OF ORAL REPRESENTATION MADE ON 9TH JULY 2019 AT COMPULSORY ACQUISITION

HEARING ON BEHALF OF MR.R.PARSONS

**Date:** 19 July 2019 17:09:12

Dear Sirs,

Explained to Examiners that SLAN3 was unaffected by the proposed scheme which provides for the connectivity from South of existing A303 to the North and reminded the Examiners that after construction of the scheme this connectivity will not be lost. Pointed out it was unlikely that rather than use the new bridleways to be constructed either side of the new carriageways users of the byways would not take a 5 mile detour towards Winterbourne Stoke before doubling back on themselves to find themselves at a point directly opposite on the northern side from where they started on the southern side . Users would simply use the existing crossing facilities which are being unaltered' rendering the proposed byways unnecessary..

Also pointed out that none of the designers appear to have an understanding of equine behaviour as it is highly unlikely that any competent or experienced horseman/ horsewoman would subject their horse to using the new byways due to the levels of noise that will occur from that stretch of road.

The provision of the byways was stated to be Government Policy however is it really essential that in all cases Government Policy be followed if it adds unnecessary cost to the project without any quantified benefits. The proposal adds cost to the scheme and to the policy costs of Wiltshire County Council who have to manage the rights of way network in this strategically important location with severely limited funding.

Reminded the examiners that Highways had used Government Policy to assist them to continue to allow the Guinness family at Druids Lodge to have access to their land north of the scheme which involves the construction of Green Bridge 1 . I would also bring to your attention that the provision of access for the Guinness family is in complete contrast to the position with Mrs. Sandell at Park Farm West Amesbury and Philip Sawkill at West Amesbury Farm where the scheme has been designed without providing access. Highways England have failed to consider alternative proposals put forward for the location of the byway as they have had an over reliance on Government Policy.

Yours faithfully Howard Smith

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