

**Application by Highways England for an Order granting Development Consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down**

**Examining Authority's Note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) on Wednesday 24 July 2019**

**Background**

1. The ninth USI (USI9) was undertaken by Kenneth Taylor, a member of the Examining Authority (ExA) on his own on the morning and early afternoon of Wednesday 24 July 2019.
2. The USI was undertaken from publicly accessible land. No access to private land, including that forming part of the application site, was sought or made.
3. The weather was good, conditions being sunny, with good visibility.

**Particulars of the site inspection**

1. 9.30am walked from the entrance to Manor Farm along Byway WST04 beyond the location of the proposed River Till Viaduct. Backtracked to view this location when traveling south along Byway WST04. Continued north along Byway WST04 and Byway WST05 to Foredown Barn. Headed south along Byway WST06B to the A303 and along the highway verge back to the Manor Farm entrance.
2. 10.45am drove along the A303 and observed accesses to agricultural land on the north side of the A303 to the east of Stonehenge Cottages.
3. 11.00am parked at Countess Roundabout Services. Walked north along Countess Road, then west along Bridleway AMES37 and Bridleway AMES9A observing relationship between land at Park Farm West Amesbury and National Trust land (tenant Morrison & King Ltd). Headed south on Bridleway AMES10 to the A303 and accessed the highway verge on the A303 to view access points to agricultural land to the east. Retraced steps, visiting King Barrow Ridge and part of The Avenue on route.
4. 12.45pm drove to Equinox Drive at Solstice Park. Walked in the area to observe the relationship between Equinox Drive and Byway AMES1. Accessed Byway AMES1 and Allington Track and walked sections of both observing field boundaries and agricultural accesses.
5. 13.15pm returned to the A303 and drove the route, set out in [REP2-179], used to access Stockport Farm from Park Farm West Amesbury.

6. 13.40pm drove to Stonehenge Road in Amesbury. Parked near to the junction for West Amesbury. Walked westwards along Stonehenge Road, then retraced steps and drove this section of road accessing the A303 westbound.

## **Conclusion**

The purpose of the visit was to:

- further understand the effect of the proposed River Till Viaduct;
- allow a deeper understanding of the current operation of some of the agricultural accesses and routes and the effect of the proposals on these; and
- to gain a deeper understanding of some of the features in the World Heritage Site.

Further USIs will be undertaken during the Examination by the ExA as a whole or by individual members of the ExA.