

**Notification of Hearings under Rule 13(6) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010
HIGHWAYS ENGLAND
A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Scheme Development Consent Order**

SECTION 91 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

**RULE 13(6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE)
RULES 2010
NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE A303 AMESBURY TO BERWICK DOWN
SCHEME
PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TR010025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, issue specific hearing will be held by the Examining Authority for the examination of the application made by Highways England for a Development Consent Order ("the DCO") for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Scheme ("the Application").

The Application was made to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (via the Planning Inspectorate) under sections 14(1)(h), 22(1)(a) and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 19 October 2018 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 16 November 2018. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number TR010025.

SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME

The Application seeks development consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Scheme in the south west region, located within the administrative area of Wiltshire Council. The main aspects of the Scheme comprise:

The DCO would authorise the creation of a high quality two-lane dual carriageway on the A303 trunk road between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire ("the Scheme"). The Scheme would be approximately 8 miles (13km) long and would comprise the following key components:

- a) A northern bypass of Winterbourne Stoke with a viaduct over the River Till valley;
- b) A new junction between the A303 and A360 to the west of and replacing the existing Longbarrow roundabout;
- c) A twin-bore tunnel approximately 2 miles (3.3km) long, past Stonehenge; and
- d) A new junction between the A303 and A345 at the existing Countess roundabout.

If the DCO is made by the Secretary of State for Transport, it would allow Highways England, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining the Scheme, to acquire compulsorily interests in and rights over land, including the power to create and acquire new rights over land, and to take possession of and to use land temporarily.

The DCO would also make provision for development, which would constitute associated development together with other ancillary matters, including those related to the diversion and stopping up of lengths of existing highways in the vicinity of the route, the classification and re-classification of highways including the trunking and de-trunking of sections of highway, the application of speed limits, the stopping up of private means of access and the creation of new private means of access, and the application and disapplication of legislation relating to the project.

HEARINGS

Hearings taking place in August 2019 will be held at the dates, times and locations set out in the table below.

Date	Hearings	Venue and start time
21 August 2019	Issue Specific Hearing 8 (i) cultural heritage (including the draft DAMS and hydrological/hydrogeological implications for Blick Mead) and (ii) landscape and visual effects and design (including tunnel length ref. ICOMOS report WHC/19/43.COM/7).	City Hall Malthouse Lane Salisbury SP2 7TU 10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)
22 August 2019	Issue Specific Hearing 9 Traffic and transportation (including proposed changes to the use of the byways AMES11 and AMES12, proposed stopping-up of the part of the existing A303 trunk road between byways AMES11 and AMES12 and the proposed restricted byway alongside the A360).	
29 August 2019	Issue Specific Hearing 10 Flood risk, groundwater protection, geology and land contamination.	Salisbury Guildhall The Market Place Salisbury SP1 1JH 2pm (seating available from 1.30pm)
30 August 2019	Issue Specific Hearing 11 Draft Development Consent Order.	Salisbury Guildhall The Market Place Salisbury SP1 1JH 10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)

The venues will be open to the public half an hour before the start of the hearings.

Any hearings further to those listed above will be advertised by one or more further notices. In accordance with Rule 13(3) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties of the date, time and place fixed for each hearing.

If you wish to participate in or observe the issue specific hearings, please contact the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team using the details below (under "Further Information"), no later than **Thursday 15 August 2019** for the issue specific hearings indicating:

- which hearing or hearings you wish to attend;
- whether you wish to speak at the hearing and the issues about which you wish to make oral representations; and
- whether you have any special needs (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop etc).

For more information on these hearings, the examination of the Application and full timetable (and any amendments to it), including how and when to register to speak at the hearings and how and when to make written submissions, please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the details below (under "Further Information"), or visit its website where procedural decisions and notices of hearings are available to download.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>

COPIES OF THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Copies of the Application documents, including the draft Development Consent Order, the compulsory acquisition information (including the Land Plans, Book of Reference, Funding Statement and Statement of Reasons) and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded online at the Planning Inspectorate's project website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>]

Full copies of the Application documents can be viewed at the following public locations:

Location	Opening Times
Amesbury Library, Smithfield Street, Amesbury, Salisbury, SP4 7AL.	Monday 2pm – 7pm, Tuesday and Friday 9.30am – 5pm, Thursday 9.30am – 7pm and Saturday 9.30am – 1pm.
Salisbury Library, Market Place, Salisbury, SP1 1BL.	Monday 10am – 7pm, Tuesday and Friday 9am to 7pm and Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9am – 5pm.

Venue copying charges will apply. The Application documents can also be viewed online at libraries with internet facilities, using the web address above.

SECOND ACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTION

In addition to the above hearings, the Examining Authority has arranged a second site inspection in the company of interested parties on **Thursday 29 August 2019**.

The site inspection will commence from **8.00am**. Participants are asked to assemble at Stonehenge Visitor Centre, near Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7DE ready for a prompt departure at 8.15am to commence the accompanied site inspection. An itinerary for the accompanied site inspection will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's project website on or before **29 July 2019**. <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>

If you wish to attend the site inspection please can you contact the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team, at the postal or email address at the end of this notice by no later than **Thursday 15 August 2019**.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the Application, the hearings, how to take part in the Examination and any other matters covered in this notice, may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or Highways England A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Project Team, using the following contact details:

The Planning Inspectorate	Highways England
Post: The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Planning, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN Email: A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk Phone: 0303 444 5000 Website: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/ Please quote the Application reference number TR010025 in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this Scheme. Correspondence about this Scheme should be marked FAO the A303 Stonehenge Case Team.	Post: A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down, Highways England, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6HA Email: A303stonehenge@highwaysengland.co.uk Phone: 0300 123 5000 Website: https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a303-stonehenge-amesbury-and-berwick-down/