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Our ref: A303-AFP022 Letter to ExA 26.07.19

Dear Ms McKay

**Re: A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down (TR010025) – Wiltshire Council Proposed Amendment to dDCO**

Wiltshire Council regrets that to date no direction has been received from the ExA as to whether the Council would be permitted to progress its proposed amendment to the dDCO.

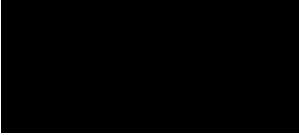
As indicated in its Deadline 5 submission, the ExA will be aware that the Council has consistently raised its concerns regarding the impact of the Scheme on Byways AMES 11 and 12 since its initial statutory consultation response submitted to HE in May 2018. This issue was detailed within the Council's Relevant Representation submitted on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019, its Local Impact Report submitted on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019, its Written Representation submitted on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019, its comments on the dDCO submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019, its oral submissions (and subsequent written summaries) made at the Issue Specific Hearings held on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and submitted on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019, in its legal submission submitted on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019, in its response to Deadline 4a submitted on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 and at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearings held on 9-10<sup>th</sup> 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.

At Deadline 5 (19<sup>th</sup> July) the Council also requested that an urgent decision was required from the ExA on whether the Council would be permitted to progress its proposed amendment given that the timescales were extremely limited to progress the required public consultation to fully consider this matter during the time remaining in the Examination.

As no decision has yet been received from the ExA, the Council considers that there is now insufficient time remaining within the Examination to undertake the required public consultation. The ExA is therefore requested to give timely direction to Wiltshire Council as to how its concerns can be addressed within the permitted process.

Wiltshire Council therefore awaits the early advice from the ExA on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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