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Our ref: A303-AFP022 Deadline 7 Response to
ExA 09.08.19

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 6 of the Examination is set out below and in the attached.

Deadline 7 Submission

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

- Comments on ExA's Second Round of Written Questions Responses
- Response to Deadline 6 Submissions
- Comments on (Rev 2) Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (DAMS) (REP6-014)

These have been included as separate documents to this submission.

Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Highways England

Highways England will submit the final Statement of Common Ground between Wiltshire Council and the Applicant as requested within the Rule 8 letter. Whilst the contents of this document has been agreed by both parties, the Council has not seen the final version to be submitted by Highways England.

As would be expected at this stage in the Examination process, there are items that are still under discussion between the parties. There are also a couple of items which are not agreed and reflect a difference in judgement between professionals. Wiltshire Council remains supportive of the Scheme overall and wishes for it to be delivered due to the wider benefits to the residents of Wiltshire, the travelling public and visitors to the WHS.

Wiltshire Council's Proposed Amendment to dDCO

The Council wishes to clarify its current position on Wiltshire Council's proposed amendment to the dDCO with regard to Byways AMES 11 and 12.

Due to the risk to the statutory examination timetable if the Council were to go to public consultation and then provide the outcome to the Examining Panel and the fact that the Council does not wish to put at risk the wider benefits HE's proposed development will bring to the residents of Wiltshire, the wider travelling public and to visitors to the WHS, the Council has decided to withdraw its application that the DCO be amended by the inclusion of a prohibition on the use of motorised vehicles (other than motor cycles and invalid carriages) on part of Durrington byway 10, and Amesbury byway 11 (hereafter referred to as AMES 11) and part of Wilford cum Lake byway 1, Wilford cum Lake byway 2, Berwick St James byway 11, Woodford byway 16 and part of Amesbury byway 12 (hereafter referred to as AMES 12).

The Council maintains its concern that the closure of the existing A303 and resultant loss of the travelling motorised public's ability to obtain a passing free view of the Stonehenge monument will increase use of AMES 11 and 12 by the travelling motorised public to an inappropriate level.

However, the Council proposes that this concern, should it arise, can be dealt with under the Council's existing Highway Authority powers provided HE agrees to the monitoring of traffic within these byways once the Scheme becomes operational (to avoid delays caused by evidence gathering) and coverage of the costs of any TRO necessary (to ensure that the residents of Wiltshire do not incur unnecessary costs resulting from the Scheme).

The Council is currently in discussion with HE for the inclusion of these aspects within the Side Agreement currently being developed and considers this should be capable of resolution.

I trust that the information above and in the attached fulfils the requirements of Deadline 7. However, if you require any further information at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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