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Dear Sir/Madam

**Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down (Stonehenge) scheme**

**DEADLINE 7**

Please find hereunder the National Trust's response in respect of relevant items detailed under item 20 (Deadline 7) of the Examination Timetable as included in the ExA's Rule 8(3) letter.

**Comments on the SoCG to be submitted at Deadline 7:**

The SoCG at DL7 reflects the current status of discussion between the Trust and the Applicant. There are a number of matters where discussions are still underway. With that in mind, and the scheduled Issue Specific Hearings due to take place later this month, combined with further anticipated updates to the OEMP and DAMS based on our discussions directly with the Applicant, the parties are keen to continue with the SoCG process until after the planned final set of hearings, and at such time when discussions have concluded. The Trust hope to be able to work with the Applicant to submit a further updated SoCG at a future deadline.

The Trust reserves the right to make further amendments to the text, including to wording where agreement at the present time is indicated, in light of further discussions and consequential effects those may have on the present wording.

**Comments on the OEMP submitted at Deadline 6:**

The Trust is aware that updates are taking place to the DL6 OEMP ahead of this DL7 response. The updates are anticipated to include comments and suggestions made by the Trust in direct discussions with the Applicant.

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Our overarching approach so far has been to encourage the Applicant to progress the articulation of what the format of consultation with HMAG and the SDCG will be, ensuring the matters consulted upon are appropriate, and the processes are clear and robust.

**Comments on the DAMS submitted at Deadline 6:**

The Trust is aware that updates are taking place to the DL6 DAMS ahead of this DL7 response. The updates are anticipated to include comments and suggestions made by the Trust in direct discussions with the Applicant.

These comments and suggestions include our concern that para **6.3.42** of the D6 DAMS requires revision to make it plain that within the WHS 100% of any linears will be excavated. And additionally that **5.3.24** which in the D6 DAMS references the use of 'Strip Map and Record' within the WHS requires revision to ensure consistency with commitments elsewhere in the DAMS that 'Archaeological Excavation and Recording' will be the preferred method of mitigation within the WHS.

We are also concerned to encourage the Applicant to ensure consistency of consultation with HMAG, and clarity in the flow of consultation and approvals processes within the DAMS.

Yours faithfully



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