



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Mr Richard Price  
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My registration number 20020846

Dear Sirs,

**In response to Highways England email of 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - Inadequate hydrological investigation at Blick Mead**

I refer to my earlier letter and the email sent by Jeremy Damrel on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (script below), regarding a video entitled “Blick Mead Spring” in June and his suggestion that it is misleading.

For avoidance of any doubt may I please respond as follows.

1. There is no “Pond” at Amesbury Abbey. The water referred by me at the hearing and shown in the video flows away from this area directly into the river Avon.
2. Blick Mead Springs extend from the northern most boundary of the Amesbury Abbey grounds, to a few meters north of the Chinese summer house and water flows through this landscape at various levels all year round.
3. The Blick Mead spring was **not** “dry” in June 2019. Please see my second video entitled “Blick Mead Water Flow” which I filmed on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and which is directly alongside the A303. The Inspectorate visited this area on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019.
4. The water flow shown in the video is approximately 1/2m per second and is travelling South to North across the open trench.
5. The statement by Mr Damrel clearly demonstrates the total lack of understanding Highways England have regarding the water table at the Eastern end of the proposed A303 tunnel portal and points again to a fundamental flaw in the ability to produce a scheme, not knowing what the full extent of the ground conditions are or how the water table could be significantly damaged should excavations commence without further thorough investigation.
6. Jeremy asks if you would like to discuss this with him. I wish to discuss this further with Highways England at the hearing if you allow me.

Please can you confirm safe receipt of this email and the video.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Rhind-Tutt

Note: Video entitled : Blick Mead Water Flow being sent by separate email.

Text of email sent to Planning Inspectorate by Jeremy Damrel on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

To: Richard Price

Cc: David Cox ; Purchase, Gavin

Subject: A303 Stonehenge - video submitted to the examination by Mr Rhind - Tutt

Richard One of the team has brought it to my attention that a video uploaded to the PINS website on 24 July, titled 'Blick Mead Spring – Amesbury June 2019' is misleading. The area of water being shown is not the Blick Mead spring that Highways England is referring to. Nor do we believe it is the area that Professor Jacques has been referring to as the Blick Mead spring. The Blick Mead spring was dry in June 2019. The Abbey Pond shown in the video is a permanent feature. More details attached. Would it be possible to at least have the video and the submission withdrawn and renamed on the PINS website as Abbey Pond ? This pond will not be affected by the Scheme. As it stands the video gives an entirely false impression of the Blick Mead spring. The Blick Mead spring was shown in photos through the seasons at ISH2 (image in the attached). I would be grateful if you could consider the above and enclosed and advise on what steps you will take. If you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to call me on .

Regards Jeremy

Jeremy Damrel