



Historic England

A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Case Team

National Infrastructure Planning
The Planning Inspectorate
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20 September 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down

References: TR010025 - 20019871

Deadline 8a Submission

As referred to in our Written Representations, the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England is generally known as Historic England. However, due to the potential for confusion in relation to “HE” (Highways England and Historic England), we have used “HBMCE” in our formal submissions to the examination to avoid confusion.

As set out in our Written Representations we are the Government’s statutory adviser on all matters relating to the historic environment, including world heritage.

HBMCE provided the Examining Authority with a copy of our response to the Applicant’s consultation on their proposed amendments to the Scheme, included within our submissions at Deadline 8 [REP8-041].

HBMCE now provide the following submissions in response to the Applicant’s report dealing with their consultation on changes to the application proposed on 5 August 2019 [AS-066 and AS-067].



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1. NMC-01: Existing A303 layby west of Winterbourne Stoke to be de-trunked

HBMCE notes the response of Highways England to our position. As we do not object to this amendment on heritage grounds and due to the provisions for our engagement and consultation in the OEMP and Requirement 8 of the dDCO, we do not have any further comment to make on this proposed amendment.

2. NMC-02: Countess roundabout to be de-trunked

HBMCE notes the response of Highways England to the consultation responses but does not have any further comment to make on this proposed amendment.

3. NMC-03: Declassification of existing A303 between Winterbourne Stoke and Berwick Down

HBMCE notes the response of Highways England to the consultation responses but does not have any further comment to make.

4. NMC-04: Provision of turning head on old Stonehenge Road

HBMCE notes the response of Highways England to our consultation response. Whilst not directly answering our query regarding the fencing and whether a widening of the fencing boundary is proposed across the whole of the PMA/restricted byway, we consider that there are appropriate provisions now included in the Deadline 8 OEMP which will enable this point to be addressed in greater detail at a subsequent stage. We note that the works will be covered by the respective design commitments.

With regard to the need for associated archaeological mitigation and whether it will be an extension to an existing site or a new site, we note Highways England's response that it will either form an extension to Site 56 or form a new site. Whilst we would have preferred to see clarity in Highways England's response, HBMCE considers that regardless of which option is taken forward the main issue is ensuring the archaeological response will be appropriate to the impact of the proposed work and the significance of any archaeological remains





potentially affected. Given the location and small scale of the works, we would recommend that Site 56 is extended to include for these additional works should the Examining Authority accept this particular change.

5. NMC-05: Revised proposal for access to land next to the existing A360 north of Longbarrow

HBCME notes the response of Highways England to our consultation response and welcomes clarification of the site which the change will be dealt within.

6. NMC-06: Amendment to Public Right of Way (PRoW) to Stonehenge visitor centre (only to be pursued if agreement can be reached with landowner without recourse to Compulsory Acquisition)

HBMCE notes the response of Highways England to our consultation response. Whilst noting that the dew pond is not a heritage asset that conveys an Attribute of OUV, it is a non-designated heritage asset, and we are therefore pleased that Highways England will seek to design the scheme around the dew pond so as to minimise the impact this could have. Careful consideration will be required as to the fencing element and the details of the provision of the route in this location, and we welcome the inclusion of reference to the Stakeholder Design Consultation Group (SDCG) in the development of these details which will be guided by the Design Commitments and Principles in the OEMP. In addition HBMCE will advise in our role as a statutory consultee, as adviser to the State Party, and as the Government's adviser on the historic environment.

7. NMC-07: Additional private means of access to Earl's Down Field

HBMCE notes the response of Highways England to the consultation responses and the subsequent withdrawal of proposed amendment PMA 42. We welcome confirmation that the DAMS will be updated to protect archaeological remains in relation to PMA 41 and look forward to seeing the provision in the DAMS which secures this under the relevant Archaeological Mitigation Action Area.





8. NMC-08: Revised means of access off the new restricted byway south of Green Bridge No. 2

HBMCE notes Highways England's comments on our consultation response and that they have clarified the position with regard to the impact of this amendment to the proposal. We welcome the clarification that the DAMS will be updated in relation to Site 39 under the Archaeological Mitigation Action Areas should this change be accepted.

Yours faithfully,



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