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Dear Mr Price,

**A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down
Application for Development Consent – Deadline 9 Submission**

Further to the Rule 8(3) and Rule 17 letter dated 19 June 2019 please find enclosed the following documents set out in item 17 of Annex A of that letter:

Comments on the RIES

This document is enclosed and responds to the Report on the Implications for European Sites produced by the Examining Authority with the support of the Environmental Services team on the 3rd September.

Comments on ExA's dDCO (Includes Updated Final dDCO)

This document is enclosed and responds to the draft Development Consent Order which was published on the 3rd September. Highways England have combined this document with explaining the changes since revision 6 of the dDCO submitted at Deadline 8 [REP8-004].

Explanatory Memorandum

Please find attached a clean and tracked changed version of the final Explanatory Memorandum showing the changes since the original submission [APP-021]. Draft DCO Please find attached a clean and two track changed versions of the final dDCO document, showing changes from the document submitted at Deadline 8 [REP8-003] and from the original submission [APP-020]. In addition please find enclosed a copy of the email confirming its successful validation.

An updated version of the Guide to the Application

Please find enclosed this document, which has been updated for Deadline 9.

Statement of Reasons

Please find enclosed both clean and tracked change versions of the Statement of Reasons showing the changes made since the original submission [APP-023].

Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule

Please find enclosed both clean and tracked change versions of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule showing the changes made since the Deadline 8 version [REP8-012].

Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 8

This report has been combined into one document. This report is structured by Interested Party. It presents matters they have raised from their representations and the associated responses from Highways England.

The matters raised and responded to in this report are from:

- Comments on the Applicant's Comments on information received at deadline 6, submitted at deadline 7 [REP7-021];
- Comments on the draft DAMS submitted at deadline 7 [REP7-020];
- Comments on the OEMP [AS-086] and the OEMP Annex A.4 [REP7-024];
- Comments on the draft DCO [AS-096];
- Written summaries of oral submissions submitted at deadline 8 by Interested Parties;
- Additional submissions.

As stated in item 1.2.4 in REP8-003, late deadline 7 submissions of comments published on the Planning Inspectorate's website on and after 28th August 2019 have also been addressed within this report.

Late deadline 8 submissions of comments published on the Planning Inspectorate's website on and after 20th September 2019 will not be addressed within this report.

Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules

Stone Curlew Update

Please find enclosed Highways England's response to the Rule 17 letter dated 3 September regarding Stone Curlews. As stated at Deadline 8, Highways England had aimed to have agreements with landowners in place by the end of the examination period but it is now hoped that Highways England will be in a position to submit these agreements within the next couple of weeks, as positive discussions with landowners are continuing. However, as explained in the response to the Rule 17 letter, even if agreements have not been completed before the end of the examination there is still sufficient certainty that agreements can and will be secured with landowners, securing the provision of the stone curlew plots, due to the inclusion of a new requirement in the dDCO submitted at this Deadline, which addresses these matters. This refers to a 'stone curlew breeding plot specification' which has also been submitted at this Deadline and is proposed to be certified under the dDCO. Please note two copies of this document are provided, one of which contains a confidential plan which is not for release on the PINS website.

Scientific Committee Minutes

Please find enclosed full pdf copies of all A303 Scientific Committee meeting minutes from October 2017 to present. All meeting minutes are accessible to the public and published on the Scientific Committee website <http://a303scientificcommittee.org.uk/meetings> with the exception of the latest meeting minutes (July 2019). The latest minutes have been signed off by the Scientific Committee members and are included in this Deadline 9 submission. A copy of the meeting minutes will be uploaded to the website in due course.

Proposed Changes Position Statement (including responses to Comments received on the Proposed Changes Consultation Report (Non-Statutory))

In advance of the Procedural Decision on the proposed changes, which is due to be issued by the Examining Authority on 27 September 2019, this Position Statement:

- responds to the comments received at Deadline 8a in relation to the Proposed Changes Consultation Report [REP8-015]; and
- sets out Highways England's definitive position on the eight non-material changes sought, following comprehensive consideration of all of comments received in response to the proposed changes consultation (as reported in REP8-015) and the further comments received at Deadline 8a.

Further Information for submission at Deadline 9

An updated and final 'Consolidated Environmental Mitigation Schedule' (CEMS) and 'Outline Environmental Management Plan' (OEMP)

Please find enclosed the final version of the Consolidated Environmental Mitigation Schedule, updated from the document submitted at Deadline 8 [REP8-010].

In addition, please find enclosed both a clean and two tracked versions of the final Outline Environmental Management Plan ("OEMP"). This document updates revision 5 of the OEMP [REP8-006] submitted at Deadline 8 and incorporates further amendments made following comments and discussions with stakeholders. The first tracked change version shown the changes since the Deadline 8 submission [REP8-006] and the second since the original submission [APP-187].

An updated final version of the Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (DAMS)

A clean and tracked changed version of this document is enclosed, which replaces the one submitted at Deadline 8 [REP8-008]. This document incorporates further changes made following receipt after Deadline 8 of further comments from stakeholders and subsequent discussions with them.

Updated Final Book of Reference

A clean and tracked changed version of this document is enclosed, which replaces the one submitted at Deadline 6 [REP6-010].

Please also find enclosed a schedule explaining the changes made to the Book of Reference since it was last submitted at Deadline 6.

Statements of Common Ground Update

Whilst it is noted that final Statements of Common Ground were programmed to be submitted at Deadline 7, the finalisation of key documents such as the tunnel covenant, OEMP and DAMS has meant that matters are continuing to be progressed through the Examination. To highlight this progress and to ensure that relevant information is accessible for the Examining Authority, the following clarification update is provided.

Statement of Common Ground	Status
English Heritage Trust (8.1)	It is intended that a revised final version of the Statement of Common Ground will be submitted before the close of examination on 2 nd October.
Environment Agency (8.2)	A revised final version of the Statement of Common Ground has been submitted at Deadline 9.
Historic England (8.3)	It is intended that a revised final version of the Statement of Common Ground will be submitted before the close of the examination on 2 nd October.
National Farmers Union (8.4)	It is intended that a revised final version of the Statement of Common Ground will be submitted before the close of examination on 2 nd October.
National Trust (8.5)	It is intended that a revised final version of the Statement of Common Ground will be submitted before the close of examination on 2 nd October.
Natural England (8.6)	A final and signed version of the Statement of Common Ground [AS-106] has been submitted and accepted as an additional submission.
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (8.7)	A final and signed version of the Statement of Common Ground [AS-104] has been submitted and accepted as an additional submission.
Wiltshire Council (8.8)	It is intended that a revised final version of the Statement of Common Ground will be submitted before the close of the examination on 2 nd October.
Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council (8.9)	No further updates are being made to the Statement of Common Ground. Therefore, the point of reference remains the Deadline 7 version of the Statement of Common Ground [REP7-017] and the Statement of Common Ground – Progress report submitted at Deadline 8 [REP8-021].
Landowners, [Messrs Francis & Louise Whiting], Robin Parsons, [Stephen Moore], Philip Sawkill and Pamela Sandell	We were due to submit Landowner Statements of Common Ground for Parsons, Sawkill & Sandell (mentioned in Deadline 8 covering letter) which were based on our position statements. However, the landowner's agent has now confirmed that these will revert back to position statements and will not be submitted to the ExA.

Status of Discussions with Wiltshire Council

The Applicant has now reached agreement with Wiltshire Council on the terms of the legal agreement between the parties which deals with a number of items, including the detailed mechanics relating to the highways to be de-trunked, and local highways to be constructed or improved, under the DCO, amongst other things. The parties are in the process of going through their respective execution processes and are seeking to formally complete the legal agreement before the end of the examination or as soon as possible thereafter. The parties will provide an update when this process is complete and the agreement is in place.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge safe receipt of this letter and enclosed documents.

Yours sincerely



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