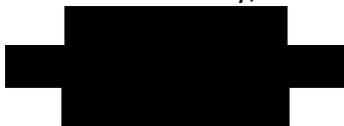


THE STONEHENGE ALLIANCE

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From the Hon. Secretary, Kate Fielden



25 September 2019

The Examining Authority
A303 Stonehenge Scheme Ref. TR010025
Infrastructure Planning Inspectorate
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
Bristol BS1 6PN.

Stonehenge Alliance Reference: 2001870

Dear Madam and Sirs,

Important documents relating to the A303 Stonehenge Scheme produced under FoI by Highways England to an Interested Party: request for their addition to Examination Library

We were passed the following documents a short time ago:

1. "Departures From Standards": an undated document with important information concerning amendments to the plans/drawings for the Scheme, notably in respect of provision of emergency space for parked vehicles in the tunnel, substantially increased intervals between cross-passages between the tunnels (150m instead of 100m), and narrowing of the verge on the embankment alongside Blick Mead/Amesbury Abbey Park to 1.2m, apparently requiring a crash barrier and, in our view, raising concern about the need for support for the embankment, possibly even including piling. It appears that this document, in part, at least, appears as Appendix C in the document listed below under our item 2.



Departures From
Standards.pdf

2. "A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Stage 1 Road Safety Audit" dated July 2018 (before the DCO application documents were published). A Road Safety Audit Stage 2 is mentioned within the document which raises questions as to its whereabouts and why it was not produced under the same FoI request. Perhaps there are further, more recent audits and, if so, we would like to see them as well as the Stage 2 RS

Audit. We note that this audit refers to a considerable amount of signage within the WHS (e.g., at para. 3.2.6).

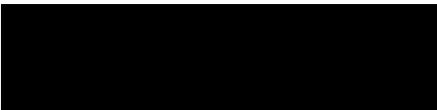


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It appears that both documents may be out of date but that more recent versions may have been produced. We would like to know whether the recommended safety measures (including any recommendations later than July 2018) have been put in place in the plans submitted with the application and if there are any safety measures outstanding that should be addressed. It is unfortunate that we learned of these documents so late in the day, as we are unable to comment on them properly before Deadline 9 and, in any event, we don't know whether they have been superseded.

In our view, both documents are of considerable importance in judging the impacts and safety of the Scheme within the WHS (and indeed outside it). We would be grateful if you should, please, allow the two documents to be included in the Examination Library along with the most up-to-date versions of them.

Yours faithfully,



Kate Fielden

Hon Secretary, Stonehenge Alliance