

From: [Tessa Bond](#)
To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Cc: [Mike O'Dowd-Jones](#)
Subject: A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down - Response from Somerset County Council
Date: 24 September 2020 16:28:30
Attachments: [A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Somerset County Council response.pdf](#)

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Highways England (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the construction of a new two-lane dual carriage way for the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire.

Please find attached consultation response from Somerset County Council.

Kind regards,

Tess Bond

Senior Planning Officer

Infrastructure Programmes

Somerset County Council

01823 357147

tbond@somerset.gov.uk

As a result of Coronavirus, all Somerset County Council staff have been asked to work from home, where this is practically possible, or to support other services if their role is not critical to the Coronavirus response. This will have an impact on our ability to deliver some services, so we thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

This email and any attachments are intended solely for the individual to whom it is addressed. It may contain personal and / or sensitive material and should be handled according to the principles of the current Data Protection legislation. If this email carries a protective marking of OFFICIAL – PERSONAL DATA, OFFICIAL – COMMERCIAL DATA or OFFICIAL – SENSITIVE in the header it should be handled according to the embedded handling instructions, if not protectively marked it can be regarded as OFFICIAL - UNCLASSIFIED.

If this Email has been misdirected, please notify the author immediately. If you are not the intended recipient you must not disclose, distribute, copy, print or rely on any of the information contained in it or attached, and all copies must be deleted immediately.

Whilst we take reasonable steps to try to identify any software viruses, any attachments to this email may nevertheless contain viruses which our anti-virus software has failed to identify. You should therefore carry out your own anti-virus checks before opening any documents. Somerset County Council will not accept any liability for damage caused by computer viruses emanating from any attachment or other document supplied with this email.

All email traffic may be subject to recording and / or monitoring in accordance with relevant legislation.

[Somerset County Council.](#)

Natasha Kopala
Department for Transport
Great Minister House
33 Horseferry Road
London, SW1P 4DR

Please ask for: Mike O'Dowd-Jones

Email: modowdjones@somerset.gov.uk

Direct Dial: 01823 356238

Date: 24th September 2020

Dear Ms Kopala,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Highways England ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent for the construction of a new two-lane dual carriage way for the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire.

Further to your letter dated 20th August, we have received an update from Highways England dated 24th August in which we have been invited to comment on the "other information", which we understand is being treated as "further information" as defined under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Somerset County Council has been engaged in the project during the pre-application stage and has submitted joint responses to Highways England as part of a Steering Group comprising representatives of Somerset County Council, Devon County Council, Wiltshire Council, Dorset County Council, the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership, and, Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership

Whilst we have no technical comments to make on the updated submission, we would like to take the opportunity to outline that the schemes currently being progressed at Amesbury to Berwick Down and planned through to the M5 at Taunton, are vital first steps towards achieving a whole route improvement and as such are strongly supported by Somerset County Council.

We hope that the above comments are helpful. Somerset County Council looks forward to participating in any future processes as may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely



Mike O'Dowd-Jones

Strategic Commissioning Manager – Highways and Transport
Somerset County Council