Please find attached the National Trust response to the SoS Consultation Letter of 20 Aug (Consultation 3).

Kind regards Nick



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Dear Sir/Madam

## Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down (Stonehenge) scheme

## **RESPONSE TO SECRETARY OF STATE CONSULTATION OF 20 AUGUST 2020**

Please find hereunder the National Trust's response in respect of <u>the letter</u> dated 20 August 2020.

## DCO Drafting: Articles 22 and 50

We have considered <u>Pinsent Masons' letter</u> dated 11 August 2020 which contains representations in respect of Articles 22 and 50 in the draft DCO concerning the compulsory acquisition rights for the benefit of parties other than Highways England. We note that Highways England (the Applicant) is seeking to address modifications made by the Secretary of State to similarly worded Articles in the <u>Lake Lothing (Lowestoft) Third Crossing</u> <u>Order 2020</u> which was published after the close of Examination on the A303 Stonehenge scheme. Highways England has made two key points in relation to the drafting in Article 22 and 50:

- That the proposed wording of Articles 22 and 50 in the A303 Stonehenge draft DCO (as set out in the version of that Order identified by the Planning Inspectorate as 'examination library reference <u>AS-121</u>' (i.e. Revision 8, submitted at Deadline 10 of the examination under Highways England Document Reference 3.1(8)) should be retained and included in the Order in the event it is made by the Secretary of State.
- 2. That for clarity further additional wording should be added into Article 22 and 50 as set out in Annexes B and C of Pinsent Masons' letter dated 11 August 2020 should also be included in the Order in the event it is made by the Secretary of State.



In response, the National Trust, as an affected landowner, confirms the following, which we hope is helpful to recipients of this letter:

- 1. It has no objection to the wording in Articles 22 and 50 as set out in the A303 Stonehenge draft DCO (examination library reference <u>AS-121</u>).
- 2. It has no objection to the amendments to Articles 22 and 50 proposed by Highways England as set out in Annexes B and C of Pinsent Mason's letter of 11 August 2020.

Yours faithfully

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