

*Department for Transport*

**THE A303 (AMESBURY TO BERWICK DOWN) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2020**

**THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

**NOTICE OF A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR EIA DEVELOPMENT**

The Secretary of State for Transport (“the Secretary of State”) gives notice under regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that a determination has been made on an application made by Highways England (“the Applicant”) for development consent under the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) for Environmental Impact Assessment development.

The Order grants development consent for the construction of a new two-lane dual carriageway for the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down. The key elements of the development are: a northern bypass of Winterbourne Stoke with a viaduct over the River Till valley; a new junction between the A303 and A360 to the west of, and outside, the Stonehenge World Heritage Site (“WHS”), replacing the existing Longbarrow roundabout; a tunnel approximately 2 miles (3.3km) in length past the Stonehenge stones; and a new junction between the A303 and A345 at the existing Countess roundabout.

In addition, the Order contains compulsory acquisition powers in relation to land and rights that would be required for the purposes of the development.

The Secretary of State has determined, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority which conducted an examination into the Application, that development consent should be granted and has decided, therefore, to make an Order under sections 114, 115 and 120 of the 2008 Act.

The statement of reasons for deciding to make an Order granting development consent, which has been prepared by the Secretary of State under section 116 of the 2008 Act and regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, containing the content of the decision, the requirements imposed in connection with the development, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based including relevant information about the participation of the public, a description of the main features to avoid, reduce and offset any major adverse effects of the development and information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so, is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s web-site:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>

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