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To: All Interested  
Parties and National  
Highways

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

Application by National Highways (“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.

### **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE APPLICANT**

#### **1. Statement of Matters, the Applicant’s response and other representations**

The Secretary of State invites Interested Parties to provide any comments on the Secretary of State’s [Statement of Matters](#) of 30 November 2021, the [Applicant’s response](#) to the Statement of Matters of 11 January 2022 and 8 February 2022 and all representations that have been published on the [Planning Inspectorate website](#).

#### **2. Update to the Environmental Information**

The Secretary of State invites the Applicant to update section 4 of their [response to the Statement of Matters](#) on carbon to provide (or, to the extent that it has already been provided, identify) its assessment of the cumulative effects of Greenhouse Gas emissions from the scheme with other existing and/or approved projects on a local, regional and national level on a consistent geographical scale (for example an

assessment of the cumulative effects of the Roads Investment Strategy RIS 1 and RIS 2 at a national level). This should: take account of both construction and operational effects; identify the baseline used at each local, regional and national level; and identify any relevant local, regional or national targets/budgets where they exist and how the assessment complies with these (including the carbon budgets, the 2050 zero target under the Climate Change Act 2008, and the UK's Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement). It should be accompanied by reasoning to explain the methodology adopted, any likely significant effects identified, any difficulties encountered in compiling the information, and how the assessment complies with the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.

The Secretary of State would also welcome confirmation that the response to all parts of this question has been prepared by a competent expert. Please can links be provided to any documents referenced and their relevance fully explained.

**The deadline for any response is 4 April 2022.**

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to: [A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk). If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

The responses will be published on the project webpage for the A303 Stonehenge DCO on the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as possible after the above deadline at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be

Yours faithfully

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