APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED A303 AMESBURY TO BERWICK DOWN DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (APPLICATION REFERENCE TR010025)

NOTICE REGARDING SUBMISSION BY NATIONAL HIGHWAYS OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION UNDER THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017

Notice is hereby given of publication of environmental information provided by National Highways of Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6HA ("the Applicant"). This environmental information relates to the environmental statement submitted in support of its application to the Secretary of State for Transport ("the Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application") for the Amesbury to Berwick Down Scheme ("the Scheme"). The Secretary of State accepted the Application for examination under application reference TR010025.

The Applicant is treating all of the information it has provided in response to the Secretary of State's Statement of Matters dated 30 November 2021 (which sought representations from the Applicant for the purposes of the Secretary of State's re-determination of the Application) as if it were "further information" as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

The Applicant therefore invites any comments from interested parties on the information, to be submitted to the Secretary of State c/o The Planning Inspectorate by no later than **23:59** on **4** April **2022**.

The information is set out in the documents submitted as the Applicant's response to the Statement of Matters and in the reports referenced in the response to Bullet Point Four of Paragraph 2 of the Statement of Matters that have also been submitted to the Secretary of State.

The information is set out in the following documents:

- Response to the Statement of Matters
 - Cover Letter
 - Response to Bullet Point One Alternatives
 - Response to Bullet Point Two Policy
 - Response to Bullet Point Three Carbon
 - Response to Bullet Point Four Environmental Information Review
 - Response to Bullet Point Four Environmental Information Review Appendix: Transport Assessment Review
 - Response to Bullet Point Five Any Other Matters
- Reports referenced in the Statement of Matters Response to Bullet Point Four -Environmental Information Review
 - o Cover Letter
 - Archaeological Gazetteer
 - Invasive Non-Native Species Report and Management Plan (2019)
 - Invasive Non-Native Species Report (2020)
 - Countess Cutting Botanical Monitoring Report (2020)
 - Confidential: Badger Sett Survey Report (2021)
 - Otter and Water Vole Survey Report (2021)
 - Great Crested Newt Survey Report (2021)
 - Butterfly and Pollinator Survey Report (2020)
 - Bat Landscape Scale Report (2020)
 - Parsonage Down Stone Curlew Plot Botanical Survey Report (2021)
 - Bat Crossing Point Survey Report (2018)
 - Ground Investigation Phase 6 & 7 Factual Report
 - Ground Investigation Phase 7ai Factual Report

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- Ground Investigation Phase 7a Countess Factual Report
- o Ground Investigation Phase 7b Factual Report
- Stage 1, Tier 2 Land Contamination Assessment Report
- Flood Risk Modelling Climate Change Update
- Geophysical Survey Report Stage 1
- Public Health England Report Phosphatic chalk risks at Parsonage Down
- Borehole Locations HAGDMS Export
- Ground Investigation Countess Roundabout (2000 data)
- Pumping Test Factual Report
- o Groundwater Monitoring Data

Summary of the Scheme

The Application seeks development consent for the Scheme in the south-west region, located within the administrative area of Wiltshire Council.

The DCO would authorise the creation of a high quality two-lane dual carriageway on the A303 trunk road between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire). The Scheme would be approximately 8 miles (13 kilometres) long and would comprise the following key components:

- a) A northern bypass of Winterbourne Stoke with a viaduct over the River Till valley
- b) A new junction between the A303 and A360 to the west of and replacing the existing Longbarrow roundabout
- c) A twin-bore tunnel approximately 2 miles (3.3 kilometres) long, past Stonehenge
- d) A new junction between the A303 and A345 at the existing Countess roundabout

If the DCO is made by the Secretary of State for Transport, it would allow National Highways, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining the Scheme, to acquire compulsorily interests in and rights over land, including the power to create and acquire new rights over land, and to take possession of and to use land temporarily.

The DCO would also make provision for development, which would constitute associated development together with other ancillary matters, including those related to the diversion and stopping up of lengths of existing highways in the vicinity of the route, the classification and re-classification of highways including the trunking and de-trunking of sections of highway, the application of speed limits, the stopping up of private means of access and the creation of new private means of access, and the application and disapplication of legislation relating to the project.

Environmental Impact Assessment Development and the information

The proposed works are environmental impact assessment development for the purpose of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and accordingly an environmental statement (ES) accompanies the Application.

The information (as listed above), as well as the ES, can be viewed online, free of charge, on the documents tab of the A303 Stonehenge project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303stonehenge/?ipcsection=docs

The above information will be available for inspection until 23:59 on 4 April 2022.

Enquiries to the Applicant relating to the information, environmental statement and any other information may be made by phoning 0300 123 5000.

Hard copies of the information will be available as soon as practicable at Salisbury and Trowbridge Libraries. Opening times may be subject to change (please check directly with Salisbury and Trowbridge Libraries). If visiting a venue, please wear a face covering, unless exempt, and maintain at least a one metre social distance from other customers, staff and volunteers whilst using the library space. Please observe the latest Government guidance and laws in force. Do not visit if you are unwell, have symptoms of coronavirus, or have recently been in contact with someone with coronavirus.

Location	Opening Times
Salisbury Library, Market Place, Salisbury, SP1 1BL. (Phone: 01722 324145)	Please check with Salisbury Library directly.
Trowbridge Library Ground Floor, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge. BA14 8JN (Phone: 01225 716700)	Please check with Trowbridge Library directly.

Copies of the information can be provided in electronic format (on USB) free of charge on request by:

- Email: info@a303stonehenge.co.uk;
- Post: Requests <u>must</u> be addressed clearly on the envelope as relating to "A303 Stonehenge Project – Request for copies of Environmental Information", and be sent to National Highways, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6HA; or
- **Telephone**: 0300 123 5000.

Copies of the information can be made available in hard copy format on request free of charge through the same request methods listed immediately above. A single copy of each document requested will be made available.

Deadline for Response

Any comments from interested parties on the information must be received no later than 23:59 on 4 April 2022.

How to Respond

Comments on the information are best submitted by e-mail: A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Postal responses are to be sent to The A303 Stonehenge Case Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Eagle Wing 3/18, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN, however, please note there are limited numbers of staff at Temple Quay House and therefore submissions sent by post may be subject to delay. If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team as soon as possible – the phone number is 0303 444 5000. Responses

will be published on the A303 Stonehenge project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website: <u>https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/</u> as soon as possible after the above deadline.

National Highways, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS16HA **24 February 2022**