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Subject: Stonehenge Bored Tunnel Extension Comment on Re-determination Document 4.7, 4.10.3, 4.10.4

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**Dear Sirs** 

## Stonehenge Bored Tunnel Extension: Comment on Re-determination Document 4.7: 4.10.3, 4.10.4

On behalf of NMUs, particularly horse riders, I would like to comment on these two paragraphs, describing the ways in which rights of way will be affected by the proposed Bored Tunnel Extension at Winterbourne Stoke.

## 4.10.3

In 4.10.3 it is stated that Byway WSTO6B will be closed to users during construction. The B3083 is not a suitable alternative journey for horse riders, very vulnerable road users, who face increased levels of traffic on this road during construction. No mention is made of the existence of Byway WSTO4 - which should be left open to provide a suitable alternative route to WSTO6B during the construction period.

## 4.10.4

In 4.10.4 it is stated that the Bored Tunnel Extension would provide a diversion for WSTO6B, directing the Byway south west under the Till Viaduct and south to the existing A303.

I would like an assurance that the emergence of this route on to the old course of the A303 is at a safe point for NMUs, particularly horse riders, to enter and exit.

I note that the Bored Tunnel Extension would also provide a new bridleway along the north of the A303 between the Alternative Longbarrow Junction and Winterbourne Stoke. I welcome this new bridleway as an important connection for horse riders, and would like assurance that this new bridleway would (A) be registered as a bridleway on the definitive map, and (b) that it will connect safely directly to the course of the old A303 east-west (to be designated a restricted byway).

This outcome is implicit in the statement at 4.10.6, that the Bored Tunnel Extension will provide new PRoW allowing NMU to benefit from greater access to and through the WHS resulting in a significant benefit, and it is important that it is implemented in the event that the Stonehenge Tunnel goes ahead.

Yours sincerely

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