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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared and agreed by (1) Highways England Company Limited and (2) Ministry of Defence.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") has been prepared in respect of the proposed A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme ("the Application") made by Highways England Company Limited ("Highways England") to the Secretary of State for Transport ("Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("the Order") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008").
- 1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available in the deposit locations and / or the Planning Inspectorate website
- 1.1.3 The SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached between the parties to it, and where agreement has not (yet) been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and so focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Highways England as the Applicant and (2) Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- 1.2.2 Highways England became the Government-owned Strategic Highways Company on 1 April 2015. It is the highway authority in England for the strategic road network and has the necessary powers and duties to operate, manage, maintain and enhance the network. Regulatory powers remain with the Secretary of State. The legislation establishing Highways England made provision for all legal rights and obligations of the Highways Agency, including in respect of the Application, to be conferred upon or assumed by Highways England.
- 1.2.3 The Ministry of Defence is responsible for the protection of the security, independence and interests of the United Kingdom, at home and abroad. The responsibilities include seven military tasks;
- to defend the UK and its overseas territories
 - provide strategic intelligence
 - provide nuclear deterrence
 - supporting civil emergency organisations in times of crisis
 - projecting power strategically and through expeditionary interventions
 - provide a defence contribution to UK influence
 - provide security for stabilisation

1.3 Terminology

- 1.3.1 In the tables in the Issues chapter of this SoCG, “Not Agreed” indicates a final position, and “Under discussion” where these points will be the subject of on-going discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties. “Agreed” indicates where the issue has been resolved.
- 1.3.2 It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in the Issues chapter of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevance to [Ministry of Defence], and therefore have not been the subject of any discussions between the parties. As such, those matters can be read as agreed, only to the extent that they are either not of material interest or relevance to Ministry of Defence.

1.4 Record of Engagement

- 1.4.1 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Highways England and Ministry of Defence in relation to the Application is outlined in Table 1.1.

Table 1-1 - Record of Engagement

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes (the topics should align with the Issues tables)
06/02/2018	Meeting at Royal Naval Air Base, Yeovil	Initial discussion regarding the methodology of acquisition of land currently owned by Secretary of State for Defence and used as an MoD signalling station.
09/03/2018	Email	Highways England provided the MoD with drawings demonstrating a parcel of land required for a footpath diversion across land currently owned by Secretary of State for Defence.
16/04/2018	Email	The MoD responded to the request for land as detailed in Table 3.1

- 1.4.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) Highways England and (2) Ministry of Defence in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

2. Issues

Table 2-1

Topic	Topic	[Ministry of Defence] Comment	Highways England Response	Status
MoD land required for A303 Sparkford to Ilchester dualling scheme.	Footpath diversion across land owned by Secretary of State for Defence at Camel Hill.	We are content with the proposed plan, however this will be on the basis that we will not be responsible for the construction or upkeep of the footpath. We would also like to see a fence line to be installed to make the route through the wood irrefutable. (Email received 16/04/2018 – copy attached in appendix A).	Accepted	AGREED
National Security Issues	National Security Issues	We can confirm the scheme presents no national security issues.	Acknowledged.	AGREED
Junction Request	Junction Request	Junction at Camel Cross is required to allow access to RNAS Yeovil	Agreed, a junction has been provided.	AGREED