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To: Richard Price

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Subject: Proposed DCO for the dualling of the A303 from Sparkford to Ilchester.

Dear Mr Price,

I am a solicitor acting for the District Council in relation to the proposed DCO for the dualling of the A303 from Sparkford to Ilchester. I understand from meetings with Highways England that the Planning Inspectorate is considering the feasibility of holding the Preliminary Meeting sometime in the last week of November to the first week of December.

Partly due to discussions with members of PINS, the District Council was under the impression the Preliminary Meeting would be held mid to late December or even possibly in the New Year. If the Preliminary Meeting is to be held earlier the District Council has concerns regarding the timetable. The District Council, as with most local authorities and public bodies, is extremely stretched in terms of resources. Tabling the Preliminary Meeting earlier than mid-December would require a significant amount of work to be undertaken over the Christmas period on the Written Representations, Local Impact Report and progressing the Statements of Common Ground. The Council offices are due to be shut over Christmas and there is real concern that the time this will take out of the schedule at this point in the process will place the Council resources under even greater pressure and affect its ability to respond as it would like to Inspectorate.

On that basis the District Council would ask that the date for the Preliminary Meeting is set for the 3rd week of December at the earliest so that it is more likely that the resources/time lost over the Christmas period can be recovered.

I am going on leave today so I would be grateful if you could include everyone copied into this email in your response. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards
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