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Highways England  
**By email only**

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010036

Date: 19 October 2018

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89**

### **Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Project**

#### **Procedural decision during Pre-examination stage**

On 23 August 2018 the Secretary of State decided to accept the above application for examination. On the same date the Planning Inspectorate issued a letter comprising advice to the Applicant, provided under section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008).

We were appointed as the Examining Authority on 8 October 2018 and this letter identifies the areas in which we require updated information to be submitted during the Pre-examination stage, further to the s51 advice.

#### **Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and Statement of Reasons**

In the s51 letter of 23 August 2018 and Box 30 of the s55 Checklist the Planning Inspectorate addressed the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and the Statement of Reasons. It noted the inconsistencies in referencing various Articles between the dDCO and the Statement of Reasons.

#### **Book of Reference (BoR)**

Also in the s51 letter and Box 30 of the s55 Checklist the Planning Inspectorate addressed the BoR and the discrepancies between the descriptions of the plot locations within the BoR when compared with the locations of the plots shown on the Land Plans.

#### **Works Plans**

Finally in the s51 letter and Box 30 of the s55 Checklist the Planning Inspectorate addressed the Works Plans and the discrepancies between the information recorded on the Works Plans and the description of the Works set out in Schedule 1 of the dDCO.

To enable our examination of the application the Applicant is requested to comprehensively review each of the above documents and to submit updated versions by 16 November 2018.

We also request that the Applicant submits a Guide to the Application document providing a list of the most up-to-date documents before the Examination.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter please do not hesitate to contact Michele Gregory, Case Manager, using the details provided at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

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