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Dear Ms Coffey

**Planning Act 2008**  
**Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling**  
**Submission for Deadline 1**

Thank you for your letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> December providing information in respect of the Examination Timetable, details of the publication of the Examining Authority's (ExA) Written Questions and other important information about the Examination.


The letter sets out the Examination Deadlines with Deadline 1 (D1) being Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019. As requested, please find attached a summary of South Somerset District Council's Relevant Representation (RR) as the original RR exceeded 1500 words.




At this stage the District Council will not be commenting on other Relevant Representations, updated application documents or any additional information in relation to the proposed scheme. Officers did not make an oral case at OFH1 and therefore no written submission of an oral case is made nor are we submitting any post hearing submissions.

Yours sincerely

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## **A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme**

**PINS Reference: - TR010036**

### **Summary of South Somerset District Council's Relevant Representation**

The relevant representation reiterates the Councils' support for the scheme but seeks to ensure that the development does not result in unacceptable impacts on South Somerset's residents, businesses and environment.

#### **Air Quality**

- Baseline information and assessment methods used to model air quality is satisfactory.
- Two potential areas of concern - West Camel and Sparkford High Street. Further investigation may be needed to ensure these areas will not exceed air quality limits.

#### **Noise and Vibration**

- Baseline information and assessment methods used to model noise and vibration is satisfactory and clearly demonstrate the likely effects of the proposed scheme during construction and operation.
- Two potential areas of concern - West Camel and Sparkford High Street. Further investigation may be needed.

#### **Cultural Heritage**

- Further assessment of some assets is required.
- Increased traffic in West Camel and Sparkford may require mitigation. The effects of any traffic calming on Conservation Areas and associated cultural heritage will need to be assessed.
- Traffic modelling indicates an increase in HGV traffic as a direct outcome of the dualling works, traffic-induced vibration on historic buildings and structures, and increased traffic loads on Camel Bridge should be assessed.

#### **Landscape**

Baseline information and assessment methods used to demonstrate likely effects of the proposed development on landscape and visual impacts is comprehensive.

- The assessment of likely effects is challenged for a number of visual receptors and requires reassessment.
- A number of measures and additional information are recommended to the landscape design to improve the impact on the scheme on the landscape its appreciation from visual receptors.

#### **Biodiversity**

- Applicant's suggestion of a net gain in biodiversity requires evidencing.
- The loss of hedgerows and woodland is concerning - replanting and replacement of mature trees on a 1 for 1 basis is insufficient.
- Mitigation measures are required to counteract the effect on bats and other species crossing the new A303 once operational.
- Recommend a "green bridge" be considered at Canegore Corner and underpasses elsewhere as the opportunity exists.

#### **Impact on People and Communities**

- Any new signage strategy should consider impact on the viability of local businesses.
- The defined Local Impact Area for businesses is restrictive and should be widened.

- Road closures are included within outline proposals. The potential impacts on residents and the business community will need to be considered. Effective management of traffic and good signage will be crucial.

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019