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**Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling  
Submission made by Somerset County Council pursuant to Deadline 1 of the Examination Timetable**

Please find attached the following documents submitted in accordance with the Examination Timetable published on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018:-

- Cover Letter
- Notification of Issue Specific Hearing attendance and request to speak
- Summary of Relevant Representation

If you have any queries in respect of the above please do not hesitate to contact me. Confirmation of receipt would be appreciated.

Kind regards,

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**Planning Inspectorate Reference TR010036**  
**Deadline 1 submission – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**Summary of Relevant Representation from Somerset County Council**

**Impact on the local highway network:** The scheme submitted is still only at preliminary design stage, and whilst advanced, is not finalised. It is noted that detailed designs are not yet programmed to be developed until appointment of a further contractor. Somerset County Council (SCC) will require provision within the wording of the DCO for the Local Highway Authority to approve the remaining detailed design elements (where it relates to the Local Highway Network) and agreement for the fees associated with this.

Further discussion is required in relation to de-trunking to agree the appropriate legal mechanism to include matters associated with process and maintenance due to the potential issue of creating future maintenance liabilities for the County Council.

SCC is concerned about the modelled increase in traffic on Sparkford High Street and West Camel. Traffic calming measures and other associated mitigation measures should be explored and considered through the DCO process and a mechanism established to secure this mitigation.

The Local Impact Area defined in the Environmental Statement does not appear to include the locations of West Camel, Queen Camel or Podimore Roundabout therefore it appears that a significant amount of scheme impact has not be included within the report which would enable assessment of effects linked to noise and air quality. Consideration of this is therefore required when establishing whether mitigation measures would be necessary.

The CoMMA report includes assessments of the proposed junctions, but the assessment has shown potential issues at Podimore Roundabout in the summer peak scenario. Mitigation should therefore be considered.

Arrangements for managing traffic during construction need to be developed prior to commencement on site. This will require formation of a Traffic Management Working Group in 2019 comprising Highways England, the main contractor and Somerset County Council, and provisions of the Development Consent Order.

**Impact on Public Rights of Way:** SCC is concerned in respect of mitigation currently proposed by Highways England for the impact of the stopping up of the connection of Y30/28 with the A303. SCC has an alternative mitigation proposal which is more convenient and shorter in length for affected users.

SCC has also raised concerns in relation to the methodology for assessing the usage of the network; and, how consideration is given to unrecorded rights that may exist which the development could interfere with.

**Geology, Assets and Waste:** We are satisfied with the approach, assessment methodology, identified likely effects and proposed mitigation measures presented by the developer in the documents reviewed. We do have a number of observations

on the baseline data presented but we do not consider that these affect the overall outcome of the assessment.

**Lead Local Flood Authority:** There will be a need to provide more detail as the proposals progress, including cross sections, levels and structures. These details should include any temporary or phased arrangements necessary for the construction of the scheme; including how and when these will be brought forward and become operational. There are also further opportunities to include sustainable drainage systems within the scheme.

**Historic Environment (Archaeology):** It is understood that the results of the fieldwork will be submitted during the application process and so it is envisaged that all required information will be available prior to any determination. The later submission of the geophysical survey and trial trenching will enable a mitigation strategy to be designed.