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Dear Inspector

Please find attached a submission from Sparkford Parish Council regarding the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester proposal.

Regards

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Written Submission to the Inspectorate on behalf of Sparkford Parish Council –
Deadline 4

After the issue specific hearings held between 26th February and 1st March 2019 at Haynes Motor Museum Sparkford Parish Council wish to make the following comments, some of these comments have been mentioned previously but following the hearings The Council wish to raise the following concerns:-

1. The Applicant stated that traffic volumes in Sparkford High Street do not warrant mitigation for traffic calming due to traffic flows not meeting their criteria. The Council wish to point out that the Applicant has stated, due to the project, traffic will increase by 37%. The Applicant has not taken into account the additional traffic flows that will be generated by the new developments and new industrial units being built – all with access off of the High Street. At a Parish Council meeting on Monday 4th March Councillors stated that this is not acceptable and the Applicant should do his best to provide some mitigation as at a meeting that the Parish Council had with the Applicant in June 2018 they offered other measures to mitigate the additional traffic and speed through the High Street. The Applicant has not confirmed what measures they referred to.
2. At the June 2018 meeting with the Parish Council the Applicant also stated that the alternative design layout for Hazlegrove junction was not possible because of the land take in the registered park and gardens, however this is currently not the case as the 3 Parish Councils alternative design submitted by Bryan Norman shows. The Applicant's design takes up much more park and garden than is necessary with extended eastbound on and off slip roads and an extended access road to Hazlegrove School.
3. The Parish Council believe that the retention of the existing A303 as a local parallel road is vital to serve the local communities and to retain access to local businesses along the existing route so that they remain viable and can continue trading. It is well known that the Government intend to create an expressway between the M3 and the M5 along the route of the A303. The retention of this parallel road will enable the expressway to be created whenever the decision is taken by the Government. The Applicant has stated that there is not enough width to build the parallel road at the top of Camel Hill by the MOD radio station but Mr Brian Norman's latest submission on behalf of the 3 Parish Councils will prove that this is achievable and can be scheduled with the completion of the new dual carriageway.

The Parallel road also solves the problem with rat running through our 3 communities, Sparkford, Queen Camel and West Camel whilst the construction takes place. There will also be no need to undertake improvements to Blackwell Lane, which is a well known circular route in our communities for walkers, cyclist and horse riders. In additional it will reduce the need for an extensive diversion route along the A359 to Yeovil and back along the A37 to Ilchester during periods of closure so the construction works can take place.

It is the opinion of Sparkford Parish Council that if Highways England maintain their current inadequate and poorly designed route they would wish to see the current consent order (DCO) withdrawn and amendments resubmitted because as they exist at the moment they strongly object to parts of the scheme as it does not produce any benefits and is detrimental to the local community.