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Dear Sir / Madam

Please find attached a scanned copy of a letter that I have just sent to Highways England for a request to include crown land (MOD) in the DCO for the dualing of the A303.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Ms Sanderson

**A303 SPARKFORD TO ILCHESTER
APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER ("DCO")
PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: TRO10036
REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO INCLUDE CROWN LAND IN THE DCO**

As discussed in correspondence, Highways England is applying, under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act"), for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Scheme ("the Scheme").

The land required for the Scheme includes land which is owned by the Secretary of State for Defence and which therefore comes within the definition, in section 227 the Act, of Crown land.

The Crown land in question is identified as plots 7/5a and 7/6a on Highways England's Crown Land Plans and in the Book of Reference, which form part of the DCO application documentation. Highways England seeks the consent of the appropriate Crown authority to the inclusion of this land ("the Crown land") in the DCO for the Scheme ("Crown land consent").

I confirm that the appropriate Crown authority (as defined in section 227 of the Act) to give Crown land consent is the Secretary of State for Defence and that the Ministry of Defence is authorised to give Crown land consent on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence.

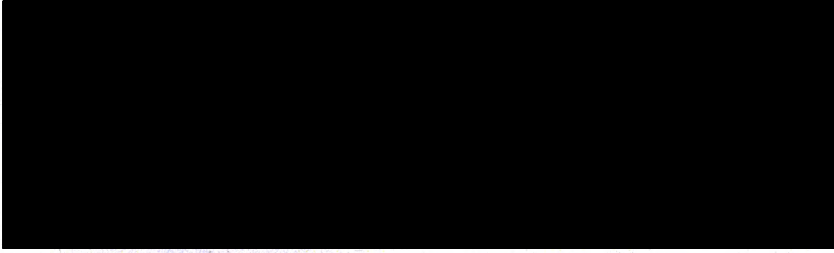
I note that Highways England does not intend to acquire compulsorily any interests in the Crown land which are held by the Secretary of State for Defence, but only to create by acquisition the new rights required to create a new public right of way by foot. The inclusion of the Crown land within the Order land would also allow temporary possession to be taken by Highways England in order to carry out works on the land and adjacent land.

Accordingly, I confirm that the Ministry of Defence hereby grants Crown land consent under section 135(1) of the Act to the inclusion of the Crown land in the DCO for the Scheme and to Highways England's application for powers of compulsory acquisition in respect of all interests in and rights over the Crown land, other than those held by the Secretary of State for Defence. I also confirm that Highways England would be permitted to use the Crown land to carry out works authorised by the DCO, if the DCO is made by the Secretary of State for Transport in due course.

The Ministry of Defence would expect to be kept informed of Highways England's progress with the Scheme, both in relation to the application for development consent and the implementation of

such consent, should it be granted by the Secretary of State for Transport in due course.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of the Ministry of Defence