

From: [Les Stevens](#)
To: [A303 Sparkford To Ilchester](#)
Cc: [Les Stevens](#)
Subject: Response to ExQ3 on behalf of Parish Councils of Queen Camel, West Camel and Sparkford.
Date: 03 May 2019 17:06:23
Attachments: [PINS ExQ3 - Parish Councils" Joint Response 03 05 19.pdf](#)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find a response to the ExQ3 on behalf of the Parish Councils of Queen Camel, West Camel and Sparkford.

We have commented on question 3.7.4 which appears to be a misunderstanding on the part of the Inspectors as the PCs have never suggested that the Steart Hill Overbridge wasn't required.

Hopefully our comments are self explanatory but please feel free to request further clarification if required.

Kind regards.

Les Stevens
Clerk to West Camel Parish Council

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Joint Feedback from Queen Camel, West Camel and Sparkford Parish Councils to PINS Written Questions (ExQ3)

Question No.	Question to:	Question	Answer
3.7.4	The Applicant	Parallel Road	<p>Correction – The PCs have <u>never</u> suggested that provision of a Parallel Road would not require the Steart Hill overbridge. What was suggested in Mr Philip Gamble’s submission was that provision of a LPR would obviate the need to provide an East Bound junction at Downhead.</p> <p>The cost savings cited by the PCs and other IPs come from less disruption to A303 traffic and a clear work site which would in turn remove the need to construct temporary haul routes north and south of the existing A303 and provision of the temporary Bailey Bridge by the proposed Steart Hill overbridge. Other benefits come from built in resilience and future proofing the scheme if / when this section of the A303 becomes an ‘Expressway’ by providing a route for barred NMU and Agricultural vehicles.</p>
3.7.7	The Applicant SSC SSDC Parish Councils	Traffic Monitoring and Mitigation	<p>The Parish Councils vehemently dispute H.E.’s baseline assumptions that suggest current traffic levels are at an acceptable level – they clearly are not. Designing a scheme that continues to direct traffic onto (in West Camel’s case) unclassified roads and then seeks to increase traffic flows is NOT acceptable. Similarly in Sparkford and Queen Camel High Streets it is not unreasonable to expect traffic levels to <u>decrease</u> post scheme rather than planned, intentional increases.</p> <p>H.E. made a formal offer to West Camel PC in the presence of our MP (May 2018) to fund a Traffic Calming scheme from their ‘Discretionary Funds’, which we expect them to offer.</p> <p>Similarly it is not unreasonable to expect that the same source of funding be used to provide and improve Traffic Calming in both Sparkford and Queen Camel High Streets.</p> <p>Extensive Monitoring has already been carried out by H.E. and SCC. We now need a firm undertaking from H.E. to fund mitigation in all three villages.</p>

From: [Les Stevens](#)
To: [A303 Sparkford To Ilchester](#)
Cc: [Les Stevens](#)
Subject: Fw: A303 Sparkford to Podimore Dualling Scheme - Local Parallel Road ExQ3 - ref 3.0.10
Date: 03 May 2019 17:18:02

Dear Sir / Madam,

With regard to question 3.0.10, the Parish Councils have also been seeking information directly from the MOD (DIO) pertaining to the possible acquisition of land from the MOD.

Please see the attached email exchange.

It may be easier for the Inspectorate to address the question directly to Mr Dunlavy who according to his colleague will be popping into the office despite being on Paternity Leave?

Kind regards.

Les Stevens
Clerk to West Camel Parish Council

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From: Willmott, Andrew C2 (DIO ODC-LMS SW8) <Andrew.Willmott102@mod.gov.uk>
To: Les Stevens <westcamelclerk@btinternet.com>
Sent: Friday, 26 April 2019, 10:21:35 BST
Subject: RE: A303 Sparkford to Podimore Dualling Scheme - Local Parallel Road

Dear Mr Stevens

Many apologies for the confusion over contact details. The full number is XXXXXXXXXX

I acknowledge receipt of your e-mail. Alex's wife is expecting and your e-mail coincided with his departure on paternity leave.

He will be in regular contact with this office over the coming days and I will endeavour to discuss with him.

Sorry not to be in a position to advise.

Regards

Andy Willmott

From: Les Stevens <westcamelclerk@btinternet.com>
Sent: 25 April 2019 15:27
To: Willmott, Andrew C2 (DIO ODC-LMS SW8) <Andrew.Willmott102@mod.gov.uk>
Cc: Les Stevens <clerk@westcamel.org.uk>
Subject: Fw: A303 Sparkford to Podimore Dualling Scheme - Local Parallel Road

Dear Mr Willmott,

Following on from our telephone conversation this afternoon, would you be able to comment on the email sent earlier to Mr Dunlavey please?

Also Mr Dunlavey's out of office message quotes a telephone number which at 10 digits is one short of the national minimum of 11 -

Please note that I am currently out of the office until the 13th May 2019 and will endeavour to come back to you as soon as possible on my return. If your matter is urgent, please do not hesitate to call [REDACTED], who will be able to advise.

Many thanks.

Les Stevens
Clerk to West Camel Parish Council

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From: Les Stevens <westcamelclerk@btinternet.com>
To: alexander.dunlavey100@mod.gov.uk <alexander.dunlavey100@mod.gov.uk>
Cc: Les Stevens <clerk@westcamel.org.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 25 April 2019, 14:39:29 BST
Subject: A303 Sparkford to Podimore Dualling Scheme - Local Parallel Road

Dear Mr Dunlavey,

I am writing to you on behalf of the three Parish Councils of Queen Camel, West Camel and Sparkford in order to solicit your support for the provision of a Local Parallel Road i.e. linking up the de-trucked sections of the old A303 to create a local road running parallel with the proposed dual carriageway.

Although in previous incarnations of the current scheme, the then Consulting Engineers planned for retention of a parallel road, the current designers Matt-MacDonald claim that they would need to acquire a strip of land from the edge of your Camel Hill Site (approx 2m x 90m).

Are you able to let us know whether this is an acceptable request and how discussions have progressed with Highways England / Mott-MacDonald please?

You will no doubt appreciate that a Local Parallel Road will make accessing your existing site appreciably easier once the dualling scheme has been completed as well as providing an alternative route for emergency vehicles from RNAS Yeovilton should the dual carriageway be congested etc.

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards.

Les Stevens
Clerk to West Camel Parish Council

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