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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89

The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Project

Examining Authority's request for further information

The Examining Authority (ExA) requests that the Applicant provides clarification on a number of matters in relation to the Statement of Reasons (Revision 3) [REP7-017] by **Deadline 8**, Monday 10 June 2019 or, at the latest by midday on Wednesday 12 June 2019.

1. The heading to Annex A is dated 18 July 2018. This should be amended to show the correct date.
2. Paragraph 5.3.2 states that there is not any Registered Park and Garden Land within the Scheme limits. This is incorrect and should be amended. The same paragraph also states that replacement land would be required if these designations were affected by the proposed Scheme in line with Sections 131 and 132 of the 2008 Act. This is also incorrect in so far as it relates to Registered Park and Garden Land in that sections 131 and 132 of the Planning Act 2008 does apply to Registered Parks and Gardens.
3. Please provide clarification of the various iterations of paragraph 4.12 in the Statement of Reasons. The ExA understands that it was necessary to amend some of the figures within this paragraph following the acceptance of the

material change. The accepted changes are summarised at table 1 of the Statement of Reasons Addendum [OD-007].

Notwithstanding this the ExA is unclear as to the basis for the changes between the November version [AS-009] and the April version (Revision 2) [REP5-009] and May version (Version 3) [REP7-017]. The various figures are shown in the table below. In particular the ExA wishes to understand the reason for the increase in land subject to temporary possession and permanent acquisition of rights. With the exception of plot 7/8b, this does not appear to be reflected in the Statement of Reasons Addendum [OD-007].

	APP-020	AS-009	REP5-009	REP7-017
Total Land (hectares)	109.65	109.65	111.07	110.87
Permanently Acquired (hectares)	83.93	83.93	82.10	82.10
Temporary Possession (hectares)	22.32	22.32	24.44	24.54
Temporary Possession with the Acquisition of Permanent Rights (hectares)	3.4	3.4	4.53	4.23

Yours faithfully

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