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**PLANNING ACT 2008
APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE A303 SPARKFORD TO ILCHESTER
DUALLING
SUBMISSION MADE PURSUANT TO DEADLINE 8**

PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE TR010036

Please find attached relevant documents from Somerset County Council in respect of Examination Deadline 8.

Yours faithfully,

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Note on Latest Changes to the dDCO submitted by the Applicant for Deadline 7

The Council's position in relation to the draft DCO remain as set out at deadline 6 and 7. The comments below are in relation to the further amendments to the DCO by the Applicant at Deadline 7.

DCO reference	Applicant's Amendment at Deadline 7	SCC's Comment
Article 2	Definition of "complete" inserted	<p>The Council refers to its response to Action point 36 (from 14th & 15th May) – see SCC covering letter at Deadline 8, with regards to sectional completion. The proposed definition is inconsistent with the Council's proposed Protective Provisions.</p> <p>The Council's position remains that the most logical and practical solution to ensure that the local road network is managed in the safest way is that the Applicant retains responsibility for the local road network within the Order limits until the scheme in its totality is completed, or the Final Certificate is issued in accordance with SCC's version of the Protective Provisions for the local highway authority, whichever is the later.</p>
Article 2	Definition of "relevant planning authority" inserted	<p>The word "or" should be replaced with "and/or" to address those situations where both authorities may perform a planning role.</p>
Article 5(2)	Insertion of "adjacent land"	<p>The Council refers to its response to Action Point 7 (23rd May) – see SCC covering letter at Deadline 8.</p>
Article 13 (4)(b)	Replacement of "de-trunking" with "completion"	<p>If this wording were to be adopted there should be added "to the reasonable satisfaction of the local highway authority" to be consistent with article 13(1)-(3).</p>

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Article 16	Insertion of "highways" in heading	It is not clear why articles 16(3) – (5) do not refer to "highways" when this term has inserted in the rest of article 16 where appropriate.
Schedule 1	Works no 5 – deletion of reference to the construction of the Podimore turning head	The Council refers to its comments in relation to Action Point 64 from 14 th & 15 th May and Action Point 17 from 23 rd May – see Appendix 1 to SCC covering letter at Deadline 8.
Schedule 3 Part 2	De-trunked roads schedule	The Council refers to its comments in relation to Action Point 16 from 23 May – see Appendix 6 to SCC covering letter at Deadline 8.
Schedule 3 Part 5	Deletion of reference to the construction of the Podimore turning head	As above - the Council refers to its comments in relation to Action Point 64 from 14 th & 15 th May and Action Point 17 from 23 rd May – see Appendix 1 to SCC covering letter at Deadline 8.
Schedule 3 Part 10	Deletion and insertion of text in column 4 in relation to the A303 Trunk Road (Sparkford to Podimore) (50 miles per hour speed limit) Order 1999	It is not clear from the text whether this is a revocation or variation. Partial revocation of the Sparkford to Ilchester improvement and slip roads Side Roads Order 1996 should be amended to reflect the comments made by the County Council at Deadline 7.
Schedule 4 Part 2		As per the County Council's deadline 6 submission, references in the DCO and the Rights of Way & Access Plans require amending; Y 27/29 should now be shown as Y 27/UN, and Y27/36 should now be shown as Y 27/29. If the County Council is to update the Definitive Map & Statement with the effect of the DCO then these changes are critical.
Schedule 5 and 7	Various amendments throughout schedule	The Council refers to its comments in relation to Action Point 18 from 23 May – see Appendix 2 to SCC covering letter at Deadline 8.

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Schedule 8 Part 3	Amendment to definition of "drainage authority"	The Council refers to its comments in relation to action point 49 from 14 th and 15 th May - see Appendix 5 to SCC covering letter at Deadline 8.
Schedule 8 Part 4	Insertion of the Applicant's version of the protective provisions for the protection of the local highway authority for vehicular highways	The Council refers to its comments in relation to Action Point 44 from 14 th and 15 th May - see Appendix 4 to SCC covering letter at Deadline 8.. The Council's position remains that its version of the Protective Provisions which provide for local approval of works to the local highway authority is consistent with the DMRB and the Planning Act 2008 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.
Schedule 8 Part 5	Insertion of protective provisions for the protection of the local highway authority regarding non-vehicular highways	<p>As above. The Council has presented a combined drafting for all highways of the Protective Provisions and maintains this is the best approach. It ensures consistency with all aspects of the local highway network, irrespective of whether they carry vehicular or non-vehicular rights, and incorporates into the text the minor difference in relation to the application of RSA 3 to public rights of way which do not interface with the local roads.</p> <p>However, should the Examining Authority be minded to accept the drafting of the Applicant for vehicular highways and non-vehicular highways, the County Council makes the following observations:</p> <p>(i) Paras 38, 40, 41 & 46 should all be copied across from Part 4 to Part 5 as these aspects and principles are equally applicable to non-vehicular highways as they are to vehicular highways.</p>

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		(ii) Paras 35 & 52 – no notice should have to be given by the Highway Authority to inspect the highway network.