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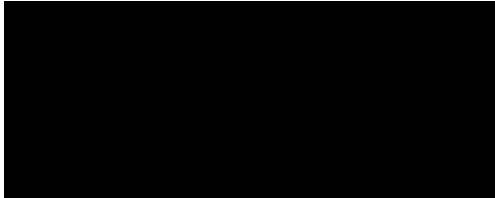
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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared and agreed by (1) Highways England Company Limited and (2) Mr and Mrs A Walton, Long Hazel Park



**Signed.....
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Date: 11 June 2019**

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this SOCG]
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Long Hazel Park
Date: 11 June 2019**

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") has been prepared in respect of the proposed A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling ("the Application") made by Highways England Company Limited ("Highways England") to the Secretary of State for Transport ("Secretary of State") for a Development Consent Order ("the Order") under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008").
- 1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available in the deposit locations and / or the Planning Inspectorate website.
- 1.1.3 The SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority where agreement has been reached between the parties to it, and where agreement has not (yet) been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and so focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Highways England as the Applicant and (2) Mr and Mrs Walton, Long Hazel Park.
- 1.2.2 Highways England became the Government-owned Strategic Highways Company on 1 April 2015. It is the highway authority in England for the strategic road network and has the necessary powers and duties to operate, manage, maintain and enhance the network. Regulatory powers remain with the Secretary of State. The legislation establishing Highways England made provision for all legal rights and obligations of the Highways Agency, including in respect of the Application, to be conferred upon or assumed by Highways England.
- 1.2.3 Mr and Mrs Walton own Long Hazel Park, located off the A359 Sparkford High Street, which is to the east of the proposed A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling scheme. Long Hazel Park consists of a licensed holiday touring park and a holiday lodge park most of which is approved for residential lodges (mobile homes) for which it holds a full permanent residential licence E/90 from South Somerset District Council.

1.3 Terminology

- 1.3.1 In the tables in the Issues chapter of this SoCG, "Not Agreed" indicates a final position, and "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved.
- 1.3.2 It can be taken that any matters not specifically referred to in the Issues chapter of this SoCG are not of material interest or relevance to Mr and Mrs Walton, and therefore have not been the subject of any discussions between the parties. As such, those matters can be read as agreed, only to the extent that they are either not of material interest or relevance to Mr and Mrs Walton.

1.4 Record of Engagement

1.4.1 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Highways England and Mr and Mrs Walton in relation to the Application is outlined in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1: Record of engagement between Highways England and Mr and Mrs Walton

Date	Form of correspondence	Key topics discussed and key outcomes (the topics should align with the issues tables)
07 Jun 2019	Email	Alex Murphy responded to Mr Walton with the following: Thank you for your e-mail. I have inserted your three points below into the SoCG and have re-attached for your review. I have left tracked changes on to make this review process easier for you. Thank you for your help
07 Jun 2019	Email	Alan and Pamela Walton responded to Alex Murphy with comments for the SoCG in relation to an email dated 18 February 2019, Noise Modelling Methodology and General Proposed Hazlegrove Junction Layout. Mr and Mrs Walton states that for these reasons they cannot sign the SoCG.
03 Jun 2019	Email	Alex Murphy emailed Mr Walton the following: Good morning Mr Walton, Please find attached a revised SoCG for your review. I have left tracked changes on so you can see any edits, but it will be easier to view with these turned off. Ideally I would like to submit this SoCG at D8, Thanks, next week. If you could let me have any comments, that would be much appreciated.
30 May 2019	Email	Email from Alan and Pamela Walton: Thank you for your letter dated 24 May with draft Agreement and Plan. We are not prepared to consent to the further survey taking place on our land because we are a busy all year round holiday park and need to protect our customers privacy and to lock and secure our Park at night to prevent intrusion especially from traveller groups. You will recall that a considerable amount of bat survey work was done last year which was very intrusive to our guests although we did not bring this up at the time.
24 May 2019	Email	Ecology survey licence sent out.
30 Apr 2019	Email	Alex states that we will not be submitting any SoCGs that are still in progress at Deadline 6, so we have a bit more time to focus on closing some of the issues out. Over the next week, Alex will run through their submission and extract parts to include within the SoCG and then issue this to the Walton's for final review. Alex does not believe everything within the submission is best placed to be included within the SoCG so with that in mind, Alex advises them to submit this submission in its entirety to the Planning Inspectorate to ensure none of their points are missed.
20 Apr 2019	Email	Email from Mr and Mrs Walton providing responses and submissions for the SoCG. They say that the SoCG will need amending before they can agree as per the document attached.
22 Apr 2019	Email	Email from Alex Murphy requesting if the draft SoCG in light of deadline 5 submissions has been reviewed.
4 Apr 2019	Email	Alex Murphy replied to Alan and Pamela Walton, confirming that he understands their position and suggests making contact again next week to finalise, in plenty of time for Deadline 6.
4 Apr 2019	Email	Alan and Pamela Walton informed Alex Murphy that, based on what he's said and on advice, they would prefer to see responses to the Planning Inspectorates' questions before signing off the SoCG in order not to compromise their position.
4 Apr 2019	Email	Alex Murphy responded to Alan and Pamela Walton: Good morning Mr Walton, Thanks you for your e-mail. Our answers are

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		prepared, but are still going through various check and approve workflows at the moment, so I am not in a position to release them. However, I do not believe our position has changed from the Hearings and from our Deadline 4 responses. I hope that helps.
03 Apr 2019	E-mail	<p>Alan and Pamela Walton responded to Alex Murphy with the following: Thank you for your email below. Surely by now with only two days to go before 5 April you must be in a position to have prepared the replies to the questions raised by the Planning Inspectorate. In particular those relating to Long Hazel Park. We are not withholding our signature to the SoCG at all but there is obviously an opportunity now for it to be finalised if possible. You only contacted us yesterday about the SoCG and we do not wish to be accused by the Planning Inspectorate of holding this up. Indeed prior to your email yesterday we had not heard from you since 8 March. Are you in a position to let us know:- a) Have you prepared the answers? b) Is your position remaining the same? If so, once we hear from you we can resolve the SoCG. On the other hand, if you are changing your position, the SoCG will need modifying. As you will appreciate, we are very busy and we cannot just drop everything and deal with these important issues at the very last minute. We would appreciate a bit more notice from you in future.</p>
03 Apr 2019	E-mail	Alex Murphy replied to Alan and Pamela Walton: Good afternoon Mr Walton, Apologies for the typo on the front page. I have now amended that. I'm more than happy to hold the SoCG for now, and perhaps we can aim to submit for Deadline 6. I will be back in contact after Deadline 5. Thanks for your help.
03 Apr 2019	E-mail	<p>Alan and Pamela Walton responded to Alex Murphy with the following: Thank you for your email. As previously explained we are just Mr and Mrs A Walton responding and not "Alan and Mr and Mrs Walton" as per the front cover of the draft SoCG. Please could this be corrected. We see that the Planning Inspectorate has raised a number of specific questions relating to Long Hazel Park noise issues and traffic calming in Sparkford High Street which need answering by the Applicant by 5 April 2019. We would like to see the answers before signing off the SoCG just in case you have moved your position and, if so, will the SoCG need updating? We look forward to hearing from you</p>
02 Apr 2019	E-mail	Alex Murphy emailed Mr Walton, stating: I have updated the contact log, but otherwise left the SoCG the same as it was for Deadline 4. I was wondering if you would be happy to agree it, so that we can get it signed and submitted in time for Deadline 5 this Friday.
08 Mar 19	E-mail	Alex Murphy informed Mr Walton that he has included both the points he raised. Alex asks Mr Walton to review the SoCG and ensure he is happy.
08 Mar 19	E-mail	Alan Walton responded to Alex Murphy stating: As you will see in our previous email below sent this morning, we have included our comments regarding the draft SoCG and the main points we wish to convey relate to the 2.4m boarded fence which you have made much of in your statement. We would like you to insert in the SoCG that we have notified you that the "hole in the fence" has been repaired.
08 Mar 19	E-mail	Alex Murphy responded to Mr Walton informing him we are using a particular template for our SoCGs to ensure they are all consistent. With that in mind, Alex would like to submit the draft

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		SoCG I sent on 6 March, and asks if they have had chance to review.
08 Mar 19	E-mail	Alan and Pamela Walton responded to Alex Murphy's email, attaching their comments in relation to Deadline 4 which incorporates a response in relation to the Statement of Common Ground at the end of the document.
06 Mar 19	E-mail	Alex Murphy thanked Mr Walton for attending the hearings and sent a draft of the SoCG. Alex notes following the request from the ExA, he has substantially revised the SoCG and made it far more focussed on the modelling and monitoring, and Mr Walton is free to review and provide comments. Alex asks Mr Walton to provide feedback by Friday.
18 Feb 19	E-mail	Thank you for attending the agreed noise meeting on Friday 15 February. I have read the Applicant's response concerning our obligations to maintain the fence and the suggestion that we are endeavouring to secure a new barrier at taxpayers expense to gain planning advantages.
06 Feb 19	E-mail	Alex Murphy responded to Alan Walton: I don't suppose you have any availability in the morning do you? We could meet at 3pm, but we'll have to keep the meeting rather short. We have another meeting on site early afternoon, so if you could do the morning that would be better. If not, we can make 3pm work. There is likely to be three of us.
06 Feb 19	E-mail	Alan and Pamela Walton responded to Alex Murphy confirming they'd be available on the 15th from 3pm onwards. They also questioned how many people will be attending.
06 Feb 19	E-mail	Alex Murphy emailed Alan and Pamela Walton, asking if they are free on the 15th Feb for a meeting about noise and the SoCG. And if so, what time would be best.
05 Feb 19	E-mail	Alex Murphy responded to Alan and Pamela Walton stating the following: Thank you for your e-mail. We will be making another trip out to the area within the next couple of weeks to discuss noise with another resident. I'd very much like to meet, so we can discuss your concerns in more detail and make the requested changes to the SoCG together. Please can you let me know if you are agreeable to this and then we can find a suitable date.
04 Feb 19	E-mail	Alan and Pamela Walton emailed Alex Murphy. They note they may have to seek change of use of the six proposed holiday lodges closest to the A303, which may become defunct because of extensive traffic noise. They would then require upgraded sound insulation and build factor to overcome future traffic noise and request suitable mitigation accordingly. After examining the Statements of Common Ground and Traffic Noise mitigation they wish to draw the ExA attention to a number of points. Please see attached email.
24 Jan 19	E-mail	Alex Murphy emailed Mr Walton: Good morning Mr Walton, The next deadline is 8th February and I would like to continue to work with you to update the SoCG to a point that you are happy with it. A meeting on site will allow us to explain the modelling process in more detail, the proposed mitigation within the scheme and to run through some of the points within the noise report. It is your prerogative as to whether you would like your noise expert in attendance at the meeting, however we have met a number of landholders to discuss the issue of noise and they have not had an expert in attendance and have found the meetings very useful. We can also use the meeting to finalise the SoCG. I look forward to hearing from you.

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23 Jan 19	E-mail	Alan Walton emailed Alex Murphy: Thank you for your email this evening. We are extremely disappointed to see that you have already uploaded the draft without hearing back from us.
23 Jan 19	E-mail	Alex Murphy responded to Alan Walton: Good evening Mr Walton, We have just uploaded the draft submission, but I'm more than happy to amend the next version to reflect the below. Once again, I extend the offer of a visit from our noise modelling team to discuss the SoCG in more detail, and to discuss Tegwyn Jones' report. Please do let me know if you would like to meet.Thanks for your help.
23 Jan 19	E-mail	Alan Walton responded to Alex Murphy: Thank you for your draft statement. You have not included any of the following important text which is based on information you have requested. Will you please include and comment accordingly. Please see our Written Statement regarding detail about our position on the existing noise, the issues it is currently causing and the extract of visitor reviews on noise whilst camping plus the following observations and comments:- Looking at the noise levels recorded by Tegwyn Jones in August 2016 and those measurements supplied by HE on 7 June 2018 there is already an increase in recorded traffic noise compared with three years previously. We still strongly feel that for HE to rely on the Design Manual to claim that increases in traffic noise levels for the Scheme will be so insignificant to warrant any measures being taken is unacceptable especially bearing in mind that:- In August 2016 we had not erected the sound barrier on the north west corner of our park. The HE results - 63 db at the boundary were measured AFTER the section of barrier was erected and are predicted to be 66 db at the boundary even with a 2.5 metre fence now in situ on the northern boundary. On that basis we disagree that you should continue to argue that any increase in traffic noise will be insignificant and would not warrant any further measures. Also the drawing accompanying Tegwyn Jones' noise readings is not included. This was sent as an attachment. The noise levels contained in the HE email are omitted! Finally on the front page of the draft (the cover page) you describe us as Alan and Mr and Mrs Walton. For the sake of correctness it should read "Mr and Mrs Alan Walton".At this stage we are unable to agree the Statement of Common Ground for all the reasons stated above.
23 Jan 19	E-mail	Alex Murphy emailed Alan and Pamela Walton a new draft SoCG. Alex notes they can look to develop this further over the next couple of months, but he would like to submit this to the Planning Inspectorate today if there are no objections.
22 Jan 19	E-mail	Alex Murphy thanked Mr Walton for his email dated 21st January 2018. Alex notes he will put the information into the draft SoCG and sent it over for review.
21 Jan 19	E-mail	Mr and Mrs Walton responded to Alex Murphy: Provided the traffic noise issues can be addressed which in turn will benefit the local community from tourism spending because this is generated considerably by the accommodation providers of Long Hazel Park and Sparkford Hall, the Scheme is supported. It is accepted that there will be an increase in traffic volumes through Sparkford High Street which will in turn generate more traffic noise, hinder access and egress to those having vehicular access on to the High Street and will increase the risk to pedestrians crossing the road. Somerset County Council claim at the First Open Floor Hearing that they have insufficient funds to mitigate this. Will the scheme

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		<p>provide for more traffic calming and reduced noise surfacing mitigation and pedestrian crossing in the High Street? Perhaps a 20mph speed limit should be considered in the interests of road safety. Proposed Layout of Hazlegrove Roundabout is supported subject to traffic noise issues being addressed. It is noted that any new surfacing will not extend beyond the new work as requested by us. The Learned Inspector is urged to explore the possibility of extending this surfacing to mitigate traffic noise for us, our neighbours and the Village. This has been called for and recommended by Tegwyn Jones Acoustics Expert engaged on our behalf. (An extract of Planning permissions Long Hazel Caravan Park are provided, see email attached). Appeal Decision APP/R3325/W/16/31447318 permitted six plots to change their use to residential. It also a permitted change of use for a further 15 mobile homes to be sited on the touring park. The changes of use were subject to the following conditions:- "3) None of the mobile homes hereby permitted shall be occupied until a scheme for the protection of the residents from traffic noise from the A303 has been submitted to, approved in writing by the local planning authority and then fully implemented".</p>
18 Jan 19	E-mail	<p>Alex Murphy emailed Alan and Pamela Walton the following: Good afternoon Mr Walton, Please find attached a draft Statement of Common Ground. I'd be grateful if you could review Table 2 to see if you agree with the first two statements and then if you could provide information for the statements highlighted in yellow, that would be very helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any issues.</p>
15 Jan 19	E-mail	<p>Alex Murphy informed Mr Walton that a draft SoCG will be sent to them by the end of the week.</p>
15 Jan 19	E-mail	<p>Alan Walton confirmed to Alex Murphy that it is their intention to enter into a Statement of Common Ground but would like to look at the draft before committing themselves.</p>
15 Jan 19	E-mail	<p>Alex Murphy emailed Mr and Mrs Walton, asking them to confirm if they would indeed like to enter into a SoCG, as requested by the Planning Inspectorate. Alex notes that he is more than happy to send over a first draft, in preparation of deadline 2 (23rd Jan).</p>
10 Jan 19	E-mail	<p>Alex Murphy thanked Mr Walton for his email containing a written statement. Alex informed Mr Walton that the team will shortly be sending over a draft Statement of Common Ground for review, and notes he is more than happy to visit to run through it. But if preferred, the draft can be completed via email in the first instance.</p>
09 Jan 19	E-mail	<p>Alan and Pamela Walton emailed Alex Murphy a copy of their written statement for traffic noise mitigation. See attached.</p>
06 Jan 19	E-mail	<p>Alan Walton replied to Alex Murphy's email dated 28th December. Alan states: thank you for your email which we are considering. As you know, our acoustics expert Mr Tegwyn Jones did raise several issues with you and you kindly supplied him with all data (now on the public file). He used your information and reviewed his previous findings which were accepted by SSDC Environmental Health in our development plan to address the then traffic noise levels pre-November 2018 WHO regulations. We do note that the Planning Inspectorate has raised several questions regarding noise and vibration many of which directly affect us. See paragraph 1.4. pages 28 to 33 and especially please see question 1.4.13. We will need to see the answers and refer them for comment from Mr Jones. We will also express our concerns for</p>

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		<p>traffic air pollution as it affects us and our business and our rights under the Human Rights Act particularly as to noise. We need to know soonest whether you accept the findings of Mr Jones or are these challenged and on what grounds. As your suggested visit will be of a technical nature, we are loath to incur additional professional fees to be represented on site by Mr Jones. Please can you let us know exactly what you wish to discuss and the exact purpose of your proposed visit. In the meantime, we are preparing our full submissions which will include issues raised in the Planning Inspectorate's questions as it affects us. Because we are not technically minded we do not see that a meeting on our park with your noise experts is fair and reasonable without our own expert being present. Will you be funding this? Should you wish to revisit our property to install equipment for data gathering we are content with this. A site plan with the proposed points marked for data gathering would assist. We have identified the issues raised by the Planning Inspectorate in the Rule 8 letter in our email dated 11 December 2018. We do hope that you can indicate what is agreed</p>
28 Dec 18	E-mail	<p>Alex Murphy emailed Mr Walton a link to the Rule 8 letter, issued by PINS. Within this letter, PINS has asked the team commence the drafting of a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with Mr and Mrs Walton. Alex asks Mr Walton if he would re-consider a visit, so his concerns can be discussed in relation to noise and those comments can be captured in the SoCG.</p>
17 Dec 18	E-mail	<p>Alex Murphy thanked Mr Walton for his email, dated 15 December 2018. Alex informs Mr Walton, if he changes his mind regarding a visit, to please let him know and he will arrange a convenient time.</p>
15 Dec 18	E-mail	<p>Alan Walton responded to Alex Murphy stating, I am pleased and relieved that I did attend the meeting on Wednesday otherwise I would not have been able to respond to your Solicitor's application for the Direction for a Statement of Common Ground as it relates to our position to be quashed. Your Solicitor also gave the room the impression in his address that there was not going to be any agreement regarding us and he did not seem at all happy in having to spend time preparing Statements of Common Ground with either ourselves or Sparkford Hall. The Learned Planning Inspectors did indicate that they would deliberate and issue a written ruling shortly. We have instructed Mr Tegwyn Jones to deal with technical issues and we believe Sparkford Hall has also consulted with him and Counsel. We would not wish to enter into any matters relating to our concerns outside of the examination process. Having put forward our position and having addressed all the points raised by the Planning Inspectorate in our email dated 11 December 2018 we consider it reasonable to await the Learned Inspectors' written ruling. Depending on the outcome, we will either await hearing from your Solicitor with draft Statement of Common Ground for approval or if the Learned Inspectors rule that a Statement of Common Ground is no longer required we will put our position comprehensively during the examination process. As others in the locality of Sparkford have concerns about traffic noise we hope these representations can be programmed together during the examination process. We appreciate that you are not in a position to discuss compensation at this state but this was one of the points raised in the Directive and that is why we touched upon this subject. For reasons stated above we would not wish to participate in the visit as suggested. However, we will be</p>

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		asking to attend any site meeting to be held later by the Learned Inspectors.
13 Dec 18	E-mail	Alex Murphy emailed Mr Walton thanking him for attending the open floor hearing on the 12 December 2018. Alex asked if Mr Walton would be free on the 16th January 2018 for a visit from him and a member of the noise team to allow them to explain the noise modelling process in more detail and how we have reached the conclusions we have. The meeting would be of a technical nature, so we would not be in a position to discuss compensation.
11 Dec 18	E-mail	Alan and Pamela Walton emailed Alex Murphy and PINS, attaching their explanatory statement, an aerial plan of our property and plans Annex 2 and Annex 3 showing the amenity areas exposed to traffic noise. The Annex Plan 2 relates to now plus during construction and after completion which will be morphed into the green area shown on Annex 3 depending on how quickly we can redevelop the site.
15 Oct 18	E-mail	Alex Murphy provided a response to Tegwyn Jones following an email received 3 October 2018. Alex provided the parameters used in predicting traffic noise at Long Hazel Park, including how gradients were calculated and road surface corrections. Alex notes that the assessment calculated distances to receivers based on AddressBase data points and not to property/land boundaries. Having used the model to estimate horizontal distances to the nearest Long Hazel Park boundary (dm), Alex provided a table showing old and new distances.
04 Oct 18	E-mail	Alex Murphy responded to Tegwyn Jones' email, confirming he is looking into the request and will respond as soon as possible.
03 Oct 18	E-mail	Email from Tegwyn Jones, who is advising Alan Walton on traffic noise impact. Ms Jones requested the parameters on which the prediction of traffic noise is modelled.
02 Oct 18	E-mail	Alex Murphy questioned whether it would it be possible for our noise team to contact Mr Jones directly to understand exactly what he would like from us.
02 Oct 18	E-mail	Mr and Mrs Walton have engaged with Mr Tegwyn Jones (Traffic Noise Planning Consultant) to advise on the traffic noise impact on their approved residential lodge development. Mr Jones has requested the raw data on which the prediction is modelled. They also requested more detail on noise measurements on their boundary. It is envisaged that Mr Jones will prepare a report.
27 Jun 18	E-mail	Alex Murphy informed Mr and Mrs Walton that it is too early to provide dates of hearings and when representations can be made, advertisements will be made nearer the time.
27 Jun 18	E-mail	Mr and Mrs Walton responded informing of the adverse effect an increase in noise could have on their business. For the remainder of their lodges to be approved for development, noise levels need to be 35 decibels or less. For this reason they are requesting that the Planning Inspector will consider it appropriate to order that Highways England do make necessary adjustments to mitigate this traffic noise or to pay such compensation.
26 Jun 18	E-mail	Response from Alex Murphy providing Mr and Mrs Walton with the noise levels they requested, which indicates an increase. Mr Murphy explained the receptor location on the site does not trigger the criteria for significant adverse effect due to noise, and therefore no new mitigation proposed along the boundary. The email informs Mr and Mrs Walton of the new planning process known as the Development Consent Order (DCO) which allows

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		stakeholders to make a representation in front of the Planning Inspectorate.
11 Jun 18	E-mail	Email exchange between Chris Setters, Jayesh Mistry and Gabby Podmore delivering the request for the Projectwise link to the latest scheme design. The request by Jayesh Mistry was made in order to overlay the design onto the land plots within key plans.
07 Jun 18	E-mail	Email received from Mr and Mrs Walton, questioning whether the expected levels of noise will be greater once the scheme is complete. They then ask further questions regarding the anticipated decibel level of traffic noise at their boundary at present and what is it projected to be. As well as if they will get a noise reduction fence on our boundary. Mr and Mrs Walton questioned when the public enquiry is likely to be and can their email be included in the papers to go before the Planning Inspectorate.
19 May 18	E-mail	Email from Alan and Pamela Walton passing on five comments regarding the scheme and their land. 1) Clarification of the western boundary which extends out to the fence line with Long Hazel Farm. 2) A request for an explanation of the small rectangular box shown within the red line boundary to the north west corner of ST103525. 3) A request for the boundary of Long Hazel Dairy Farm to be considered for a noise mitigation barrier. 4) Will any elevated sections of the new road have noise reduction barriers? 5) Will the tourism direction signage be preserved and accounted for?
15 May 18	Letter	-----
16 Feb 18	E-mail	Email sent from Alex Murphy in response to the email sent to Tom Roberts on 16/02/2018. Alex stated that although the red line boundary slightly encroaches the Walton's land, the scheme does not envisage that any land acquisition will be required and the red line boundary will be updated to reflect this. He stated that the red line boundary will not be fixed until the summer of 2018.
16 Feb 18	E-mail	Email sent to Tom Roberts to explain their objections to scheme taking any of their land for use. Supporting documents have been supplied for this. These include planning permissions, traffic noise reports, sewage and utilities plans etc.
24 Nov 17	LIQ	LIQ received. Contact details and company address enclosed as well as information about lodge owners, tenants and licencees. Barclays Bank Plc have been disclosed as the mortgage providers. Lodges and boundary information has also been annotated on the LIQ plan. A copy of the conveyance has also been attached.
20 Nov 17	LIQ	LIQ sent along with plan
14 Aug 17	Meeting	A303 Access Plan 1
14 Aug 17	Meeting	GI and Topo Survey Plans
02 Aug 17	Letter	Surveys for A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling: Request to arrange onsite meeting
05 Jan 17	Letter	Survey access granted

1.4.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) Highways England and (2) Mr and Mrs Walton, Long Hazel Park in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

2. Issues

Topic	Mr and Mrs Walton's comment	Highways England response	Status
General – Need for the scheme	Provided the traffic noise issues can be addressed which in turn will benefit the local community from tourism spending because this is generated considerably by the accommodation providers of Long Hazel Park and Sparkford Hall, the Scheme is supported.	Highways England is pleased that Mr & Mrs Walton support the scheme. Mr and Mrs Walton's concerns about noise are discussed below.	AGREED
General – Proposed Hazlegrove Junction Layout	Having listened to the submissions by our three Local Parish Councils and those of Mr Bryan Norman we prefer to support the alternative layout because it would condense the carriageway layout in the Hazlegrove Park location. The submitted drawing by Fairhurst 127642/1001 shows the majority of the slip roads to the north in a cutting and this should reduce traffic noise there. The alternative proposal would also save sufficient funding to enable full traffic noise mitigation to be implemented for the benefit of the community. Also the Fairhurst Scheme provides more liberal and safe access for non motorised traffic users to the land on either side of the proposed new carriageway	Noted. Highways England has produced a topic paper explaining the design rationale in relation to the Hazlegrove Junction layout, REP2-004. Highways England has a duty to mitigate significant adverse noise impacts and this has been undertaken. Lack of funding is not the reason for not providing mitigation to Long Hazel Park – the reason for this is that Highways England's assessments do not deem it to be required.	NOT AGREED
General – Low Noise Surfacing on main line	It is noted that any new surfacing will not extend beyond the new work. The Learned Inspector is urged to explore the possibility of extending this surfacing to mitigate traffic noise for us, our neighbours and the Village.	Low noise surfacing is proposed throughout the scheme is likely to extend approximately 500m east of the existing Hazlegrove Roundabout, but no further. The existing eastbound carriageway of the A303 next to the Caravan Park is already a low noise surface but the	NOT AGREED

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		westbound carriageway is conventional hot rolled asphalt. We are not able to undertake works outside of the DCO boundary.	
Traffic Calming in Sparkford	We would like the scheme to provide a traffic calming solution for Sparkford Highstreet, which could also include reduced noise surfacing and a pedestrian crossing.	Highways England considers that traffic calming is not required on Sparkford Highstreet. The reasons for this have been explained within the Deadline 7 report, (REP7-027) in response to Action Point 11.	NOT AGREED
Existing condition - Noise	We are displeased at the suggestion made by the applicant the we need sound barrier for planning gain. We have always submitted that the sound barrier is need to protect the existing and approved development amenity areas.	Highways England does not consider noise mitigation to be required for Long Hazel Park. This has been explained in more detail in REP3-003, section 1.4.5.	NOT AGREED
Existing condition - Noise	In relation to amenity areas all lodges have an immediate outside space and the worst affected by traffic noise will be in the current lodge development area – Phase 1 now being marketed. Already with about 100 enquiries, most viewings have ended with potential customers being put off by excessive traffic noise from the A303.	Highways England does not consider noise mitigation to be required for Long Hazel Park. This has been explained in more detail in REP3-003, section 1.4.5..	NOT AGREED
Existing condition - Noise	A number of visitors are put off returning to the site due to the existing traffic noise. We have issued Highways England with a number of reviews from guests stating how they liked the site, but have been put off returning due to the existing traffic noise.	Noted	NOT AGREED
Noise modelling methodology	We still strongly feel that for Highways England to rely on the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges to claim	The Calculation of Road Traffic Noise Methodology prescribed by the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges is the standard	NOT AGREED

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	<p>that increases in traffic noise levels for the Scheme will be insignificant is unacceptable.</p>	<p>approach for the calculation of road traffic noise. In turn DMRB specifies criteria for the classification of noise impact in the short-term and the long-term by reference to changes in the calculated noise levels. These calculations show that the impact at the locations of the proposed lodges in Long Hazel Park is negligible or minor. Using the criteria set out on the ES the impact of the scheme is not significant.</p>																	
<p>Noise monitoring methodology</p>	<p>We commission our own noise surveys as described below:</p> <p>Attended monitoring exercise was carried out at 11 locations, between 9.30am and 12pm on 24th August 2016, during a period of peak traffic flow on the A303. The weather conditions were calm and dry, and there was no extraneous noise. Each measurement was made 1.5m above ground level.</p> <p>We would be interested to compare the Applicant's model with our own model.</p> <p>Following a comparison of the Applicant's noise values and our own, we agree that the values are broadly the same.</p>	<p>The noise levels made by Tegwyn Jones on 24 Aug 16 (REP2-042) may be compared with model predictions at the same locations. In this context it is noted that Mr Jones has not specified the entity involved in the measurements which are all relatively short-term and carried out between 9:30am and midday. The measured values are therefore compared with the predicted DM free-field daytime LAeq for the period 7am to 7pm and derived from the model prediction of LA10,18h using the TRL method 3 formula $L_{day} = 0.95 \times LA_{10,18h} + 1.44 \text{dB}$. The results are set out below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1137 1166 1727 1348"> <thead> <tr> <th>TJ location</th> <th>Aggregated [dB]</th> <th>Predicted Lday [dB]</th> <th>difference [dB]</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>60.9</td> <td>57.3</td> <td>3.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>60.4</td> <td>57.8</td> <td>2.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>58.5</td> <td>57.6</td> <td>0.9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TJ location	Aggregated [dB]	Predicted Lday [dB]	difference [dB]	1	60.9	57.3	3.6	4	60.4	57.8	2.6	5	58.5	57.6	0.9	<p>AGREED</p>
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		6	52.9	55.9	-3.0	
		7	57.7	55.6	2.1	
		8	51.5	54.0	-2.5	
		9	51.3	53.9	-2.6	
		10	55.9	53.7	2.2	
		11	53.0	54.8	-1.8	
		average			0.2	
		<p>The measurements from Mr Jones are shown in the column labelled 'Aggregated'. The predicted Lday at the same location is shown in the next column and the final column shows the difference as positive when the predicted value is lower than the measured value. The average value of the difference is 0.2dB and all but one of the measurements is within 3dB of the predicted value. Given the very short-term nature of the measurements and that predicted values are based on annual average figures, the similarity is striking. Both predictions and measurements show that noise falls with distance from the A303.</p> <p>The measurements do not therefore represent a basis for rejection of the Applicant's model as they appear to show reasonable consistency with the model.</p>				
Noise predictions	In email correspondence, Highways England indicate that they estimate current traffic noise levels at	The predictions are based on a CadnaA noise model that implements details of the				AGREED

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	<p>'Longhazel Caravan Park' to be 59.3 dB LA10 (18hr). They predict an increase of 2.2 dB in the short-term and 3.3dB in the long-term. This assessment is based on distances to AddressBase data points and not to property/land boundaries. So some lodges on the site might suffer greater exposure.</p> <p>Therefore, it would appear that by "Design Year", noise levels would have increased to around 62.6 dB LA10 (18hr).</p>	<p>topography, vertical and horizontal alignment, flows, road surfaces and many other factors and not just distances. The reported level was for the OS database receptor within the caravan park which is the home of Mr and Mrs Walton. It is correct that some lodges on the site are exposed to higher noise levels than Mr and Mrs Walton's home but none are exposed above the SOAEL in either the DM or DS cases in either the opening year or the design year (2038). The level of 62.6dB is the level at 4m (corresponding to first floor window) and for which a façade value correction of +2.5dB has been applied to account for sound reflection from the building. The level at the ground floor and without the façade correction would be lower.</p>	
Noise predictions	<p>British Standard (BS) 8233: 2014 Guidance on sound insulation and noise reduction for buildings provides advice on acceptable external noise levels for residential property.</p> <p>With respect to noise affecting external areas such as amenity areas, BS 8233 states that "it is desirable that the steady noise level does not exceed 50 LAeq,T dB and 55 LAeq,T dB should be regarded as the upper limit".</p>	<p>The quotation from the BS 8233 is incomplete because the paragraph continues "However, it is also recognized that these guideline values are not achievable in all circumstances where development might be desirable. In higher noise areas, such as city centres or urban areas adjoining the strategic transport network, a compromise between elevated noise levels and other factors, such as the convenience of living in these locations or making efficient use of land resources to ensure development needs can be met, might be warranted. In such a situation, development should be designed to</p>	NOT AGREED

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	<p>The units of noise (L10 (18-hour) dBA) commonly used to describe traffic noise can be translated into units used in this British Standard (Leq (0600 - 2400), dBA) using the Traffic Research Laboratory formula;</p> $y = 0.9887x - 1.7748$ <p>Where:</p> <p>y = Measured LAeq,18h dB, and</p> <p>x = Predicted LA10,18h dB</p> <p>Thus traffic noise of 62.6 dB LA10 (18hr) is equivalent to 60.1 LAeq (18hr) dB, and is somewhat in excess of the British Standard for amenity areas.</p> <p>In order to meet the lesser standard, this traffic noise at the amenity area for Lodge 2 needs to be brought down to below 55 dBA Leq,16h. The configuration of the lodge, perpendicular to the road with its amenity space between it and the next lodge, makes this difficult without addressing the noise at source, or improving the barrier.</p>	<p>achieve the lowest practicable levels in these external amenity spaces, but should not be prohibited.”</p> <p>The conversion is not challenged although this is not the standard conversion formula set out in the TRL report.</p> <p>The comparison between a façade value at 4m with a free-field value at ground level is not valid.</p>	
	<p>Long Hazel Park is downwind and is in line from the proposed elevated section of the dual carriageway. Noise barriers on either side of the carriageway will do little to mitigate the noise as the wind blows the increased noise in to Long Hazel Park and the surrounding area of the village. This section of road</p>	<p>The noise model assumes moderate down wind conditions within the calculations.</p> <p>The noise model uses the 3D engineering model, and as such takes into account topography and the levels of the proposed</p>	<p>NOT AGREED</p>

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	<p>will be four lanes with a 70 mph speed limit. Currently it is two lanes with a 50 mph speed limit but as traffic merges on to the westbound carriageway the speed is often slower than 50 mph. The prevailing wind is from the west or southwest with speeds of up to 60 mph during weather storms especially in the winter when foliage has dropped from the trees. Traffic volumes increase considerably during the summer months by up to 30%. The Model does not take these factors into consideration.</p>	<p>road.</p> <p>The noise model uses forecast traffic flows.</p> <p>Highways England does not consider noise mitigation to be required for Long Hazel Park. This has been explained in more detail in REP3-003, section 1.4.5.</p>	

Confirmation of agreement to sign the SOCG is included within the email below.

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From: Alan and Pamela Walton <longhazelpark@hotmail.com>
Sent: 11 June 2019 10:10
To: Murphy, Alexander N
Subject: Re: A303 Sparkford to Ilchester - Mr and Mrs Walton's SoCG

Thank you for your quick response. We can now agree the SoCG but our computer software does not enable us to electronically sign the SoCG.

Kind regards

Alan and Pamela Walton

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Thank you Mr Walton. I have made that change, please see attached.

Thanks,

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