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To all Interested Parties

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Highways England (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Following the Secretary of State’s minded to refuse letter of 21 July 2020, the Applicant has provided further information to demonstrate how the issues identified in the minded to refuse letter are to be addressed. A copy of the response from the Applicant can be found at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-sparkford-to-ilchester-dualling/>

The Secretary of State would welcome any comments from all Interested Parties on the Applicant’s response.

The deadline for any response is 16 September 2020.

Given the coronavirus (COVID 19) emergency, the Planning Inspectorate are currently unable to accept hard copies of consultation responses. Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to: A303SparkfordtoIlchester@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty in submitting a response by e-mail, please inform the Case Team.

Your response will be published on the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Project page of the Planning Inspectorate’s website as set out above as soon as possible after 16 September.

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State’s decision whether or not to grant development consent for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Scheme and nothing in this letter is to be taken as indicating what that final decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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