

THE STONEHENGE ALLIANCE

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From the Hon. Secretary, Kate Fielden

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Dear Mr Price,

A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Improvement scheme: DCO Application

We have already expressed our concern about the haste with which this scheme is being progressed despite concerns raised by UNESCO. This was most recently evidenced by the registration period for the scheme, it being one of the shortest for any NSIP road development to date and held over the Christmas and New Year period when many people would have been otherwise occupied. This is particularly worrying, since the scheme may be the most contentious road proposal to be examined under the NSIP regime.

We now understand that the Environment Agency has raised concerns about lack of information on groundwater and flood risk modelling in Highways England's DCO application documentation. The lack of critical information does not at present allow the impacts of the scheme on groundwater movement and potential groundwater contamination to be understood and this is something we raised in our relevant representation. This puts us and others at a severe disadvantage in terms of time to scrutinise the information during the examination period and we wish strongly to endorse the Environment Agency's request that the examination should be delayed until the information needed has been supplied.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Fielden
Hon Secretary

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