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To Interested Parties, Statutory Parties
and Other Persons invited to the
Preliminary Meeting

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010025

Date: 11 April 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

The Planning Act 2008 – Section 89 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 8, Rule 13 and Rule 16

Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down

Examination Timetable and procedure

This letter provides you with the Examination Timetable, details of the publication of the Examining Authority's (ExA) Written Questions and other important information about the Examination.

All documentation associated with this project, including a written note of the Preliminary Meeting¹ and the audio recording taken at that meeting, can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/?ipcsection=docs>

The Examination Timetable

We have made a Procedural Decision about the way the application will be examined. The final Examination Timetable is attached at **Annex A**.

The Examination Timetable replaces the draft timetable that was included in the Rule 6 letter dated 4 March 2019². In finalising the Examination Timetable, we have sought to accommodate requests and suggestions made at the Preliminary Meeting and in representations submitted in advance of that meeting.

¹ Available in week commencing 15 April 2019

² Your invitation to the Preliminary Meeting, available here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR020002-000511>

Please note that the Examination Timetable contains a number of deadlines for receipt of information by the Planning Inspectorate. All deadlines are at 23:59 on the date specified. Please ensure submissions arrive by the deadline. If you do not make your submissions by the dates specified in the timetable, we may disregard them.

We request that Interested Parties send, where practicable, electronic copies of their submission as email attachments to A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk on or before the applicable deadline. Electronic attachments should be clearly labelled with the subject title and not exceed 12MB for each email. Providing links to websites where your submissions can be viewed is not acceptable. All submissions must be made in a format that can be viewed in full on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

If we consider it necessary to vary the Examination Timetable during the Examination, notification will only be sent to Interested Parties and Other Persons³ invited to the Preliminary Meeting. The changes will be published on the A303 Stonehenge project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Other Procedural Decisions

Annex B contains important details and clarifications about other Procedural Decisions that we have made at, or following, the Preliminary Meeting.

Written Representations

All Interested Parties are now invited to submit Written Representations and any comments on the Relevant Representations already submitted. These should be submitted by **Deadline 2** in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**). Please note that Written Representations relating to any other environmental information submitted by the Applicant to **Deadline 1** in the Examination Timetable are invited to **Deadline 2a**.

Written Representations can cover any relevant matter and are not restricted to the matters set out in our Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (update) provided at **Annex C** to this letter. Nor are they restricted to the content of our Written Questions (see next heading, below).

Any person, other than the Applicant, who submits a Written Representation must identify those parts of the application with which they agree and those parts with which they do not agree, explaining the reasons why⁴. Interested Parties should also provide with their Written Representations "*the data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions*"⁵.

³ Other Persons are persons that we chose to invite to the Preliminary Meeting, in addition to the prescribed persons listed in section 88(3) of the Planning Act 2008 – see 'Your status in the Examination and future notifications' below

⁴ Required under Rule 10(4) of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

⁵ Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-act-2008-examination-of-applications-for-development-consent>

Further written submissions will be requested by the ExA at various points in the Examination.

Any Written Representations, and any further written submissions requested by the ExA in the course of the Examination which exceed 1500 words should also be accompanied by a summary which should not exceed 10% of the original text. The summary should set out the key facts of the written submission and must be representative of the submission made.

Examining Authority's Written Questions

We have compiled Written Questions (WQ) about the application and the representations received so far. These questions are published on the National Infrastructure Planning website and can be accessed through the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010025-000575>

Responses to our WQs must be provided by **Deadline 2** in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**).

If you require a hard copy of our WQs, please contact the Case Team who will send you a copy.

Notification of initial hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection

We have made a Procedural Decision to hold four Open Floor Hearings on 22 and 23 May 2019 and to carry out an Accompanied Site Inspection on 21 May 2019.

Important information about these events is contained within **Annex E**.

Further hearings

The Examination Timetable at **Annex A** includes periods of time reserved for further hearings to be held, and we will notify all Interested Parties of all further hearings at least 21 days in advance of them taking place. Those notifications will include additional deadlines for Interested Parties to inform the Planning Inspectorate if they wish to attend the notified hearing(s).

Annex E provides details about what Interested Parties should include in a request to be heard at a hearing, and the procedure that will be followed at hearings.

Availability of application documents and representations submitted to the Examination

All documentation and audio recordings associated with the examination of this application can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/?ipcsection=docs>

Annex D provides details of locations in the vicinity of the Proposed Development at which all Examination documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge.

Advice to Interested Parties about how to access and navigate the Examination Library is also provided at **Annex D**.

Your status in the Examination and future notifications

You have received this letter because you fall within one of the groups described in this FAQ document:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2019/02/Status-faq.pdf>

If your reference number begins with 2001, 2002, A303-AFP, or A303-S57 you are in Group A. If your reference number begins with A303-SP you are in Group B. If your reference number begins with A303-OP you are in Group C.

If having read the FAQ document published at the link above you are still unsure about your status, please contact the Case Team using the details at the top of this letter.

Awards of costs

You should be aware of the possibility of the award of costs against parties who behave unreasonably.

To assist understanding of what 'unreasonable behaviour' means in the context of an Examination under the PA2008, you may find it helpful to read the government guidance 'Awards of costs: examinations of applications for development consent orders' (July 2013)⁶. It is in everyone's interest that information is brought forward as early as possible in the examination process so you are encouraged to do so.

Management of information

The Planning Inspectorate has a commitment to transparency. Therefore, all information submitted for this project (if accepted by the ExA) and a record of any advice which has been provided, is published at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/?ipcsection=docs>

All Examination documents can also be viewed electronically at the locations listed in **Annex D**.

Please note that in the interest of facilitating an effective and fair examination, we consider it necessary to publish some personal information. To find out how we handle your personal information, please view our Privacy Notice via the link at the end of this letter.

We look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

⁶ Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awards-of-costs-examinations-of-applications-for-development-consent-orders>

Yours faithfully

Wendy McKay

Wendy McKay, Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Annexes

- A** Examination Timetable
- B** Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority
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- D** Availability of representations and application documents
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Examination Timetable

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application by the end of the period of six months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1	Preliminary Meeting	2 April 2019
2	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination Timetable Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Written Questions 	11 April 2019
3	Deadline 1 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of wish to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing • Notification of wish to speak at an Open Floor Hearing • Notification by Statutory Parties of wish to be considered an Interested Party • Applicant's draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection to be held on 21 May 2019 • Suggestions from Interested Parties for sites to include in the ExA's itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection to be held on 21 May 2019 • Comments on Applicant's response to the Planning Inspectorate's s51 advice dated 20 November 2018 [AS-006 to AS-013] • Local Impact Reports from local authorities • Applicant's other environmental information referred to orally at the Preliminary Meeting (see Annex B) • Any other documents, information and the update on document submissions discussed at the Preliminary Meeting that the Applicant committed to provide to Deadline 1 (see 	18 April 2019

	Annex B)	
4	Publication of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection on 21 May 2019 	25 April 2019
5	Deadline 2 Deadline for receipt by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) • Summaries of all RR's exceeding 1500 words • Written Representations (WRs) • Summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 words • Initial Statements of Common Ground requested by the ExA • Responses to the ExA's Written Questions • Draft Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (DAMS) • A standalone Mitigation Schedule • The various documents requested at section 4 of Annex E to the Rule 6 letter • An updated version of the Guide to the Application [AS-013] • An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule [AS-011] • An updated Book of Reference [APP-025] • An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) [APP-020] • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules¹ 	3 May 2019
6	Issue by the ExA of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of date, time and place of Issue Specific Hearings to be held between 4 and 14 June 2019 and Compulsory Acquisition Hearings to be held between 8 and 12 July 2019 	7 May 2019

¹ The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

6a	<p>Deadline 2a</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRs relating to any other environmental information submitted by the Applicant to Deadline 1 • Comments on any other documents provided by the Applicant to Deadline 1 	10 May 2019
7	Accompanied Site Inspection	21 May 2019
8	Open Floor Hearing 1	22 May 2019 (daytime)
9	Open Floor Hearing 2	22 May 2019 (evening)
10	Open Floor Hearing 3	23 May 2019 (daytime)
11	Open Floor Hearing 4	23 May 2019 (evening)
12	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at Open Floor Hearings held on 22 and 23 May 2019 • An updated version of the dDCO • An updated Mitigation Schedule • Comments on WRs (including WRs to Deadline 2a) and responses to comments on RRs • Comments on Local Impact Report(s) • Comments on responses to the ExA's Written Questions • Comments on the DAMS • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 2 • An updated version of the Guide to the Application 	31 May 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule • Progressed Statements of Common Ground • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	
13	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Specific Hearing(s), including an Issue Specific Hearing dealing with the dDCO 	<p>4 to 7 June 2019</p> <p>and</p> <p>11 to 14 June 2019</p>
14	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held between 4 and 14 June 2019 • An updated version of the dDCO • An updated Mitigation Schedule • An updated version of the Guide to the Application • An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule • Applicant's response to comments on the DAMS received at Deadline 3 • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 3 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	<p>21 June 2019</p>
15	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ExA's Written Questions (if required) 	<p>5 July 2019</p>
16	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 	<p>8 to 12 July 2019</p>
17	<p>Deadline 5</p>	<p>19 July 2019</p>

	<p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held between 8 and 12 July 2019 	
18	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to the ExA's Written Questions (if issued on 5 July 2019) An updated version of the dDCO An updated Mitigation Schedule An updated version of the Guide to the Application An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 5 Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	26 July 2019
19	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of any further hearings to be held between 26 and 30 August 2019 (if required) 	29 July 2019
20	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comments on responses to the ExA's Written Questions (if issued on 5 July 2019) Final Statements of Common Ground Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 6 Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	9 August 2019
21	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p>	21 to 22 August 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further Issue Specific Hearing(s) that may be required • Any further Open Floor Hearing(s) that may be required • A second Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (if required) • A second Accompanied Site Inspection (if required) 	and 29 to 30 August 2019
22	<p>Publication of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required) • The ExA's dDCO (if required to facilitate the Examination) 	4 September 2019
23	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any hearings held between 21 to 22 and 29 to 30 August 2019 • An updated version of the dDCO (including final Protective Provisions) • Signed final versions of any Development Consent Obligations associated with the application (if required) • An updated Mitigation Schedule • A final version of the DAMS • Any written confirmation required from the Crown in relation to s135 of the Planning Act 2008 • An updated version of the Guide to the Application • An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 7 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	6 September 2019

24	<p>Deadline 9</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the RIES (if issued on 4 September 2019) • Comments on ExA's dDCO (if issued on 4 September 2019) • An updated version of the Guide to the Application • An updated version of the Land Acquisition and Temporary Possession Negotiations Schedule • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 8 	25 September 2019
25	<p>Deadline 10</p> <p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months</p>	2 October 2019

Publication dates

All information received will be published on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable after the deadlines for submissions. An Examination Library will be kept up to date throughout the Examination and can be accessed via the project webpage. Each document will be given a unique reference. These references will be used by the ExA during the Examination:
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/?ipcsection=docs>

Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES)

Where an applicant has provided a No Significant Effects Report or a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Report with the application, the ExA may decide to issue a RIES during the Examination. The RIES is a factual account of the information and evidence provided to the ExA on HRA matters during the Examination up to the date of the publication of the RIES, for the purposes of enabling the Secretary of State, as competent authority, to undertake its HRA. It is not the ExA's opinion on HRA matters. Comments on the RIES will be invited by the ExA and any received will be taken into account as part of the ExA's Recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State may rely on the consultation on the RIES to meet its obligations under Regulation 63(3) of The Habitats Regulations 2017 and/ or Regulation 28 of The Offshore Marine Regulations.

Other Procedural Decisions made by the Examining Authority

The Examining Authority (ExA) has made a number of other Procedural Decisions following the Preliminary Meeting¹:

1. Examination Timetable

Having carefully considered representations made at the Preliminary Meeting on 2 April 2019, the ExA has made a Procedural Decision to apply a number of changes to the draft Examination Timetable provided at **Annex C** to the Rule 6 letter².

The final Examination Timetable is provided at **Annex A** to this Rule 8 letter.

The applied changes are:

- Deadline for Interested Parties to suggest sites to include in the itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) added to **Deadline 1**.
- Deadline for Applicant to submit other environmental information discussed at the Preliminary Meeting added to **Deadline 1**.
- Deadline for any other documents, information and updates on document submissions that the Applicant committed to provide at the Preliminary Meeting added to **Deadline 1**.
- Deadline for Applicant to submit draft Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (DAMS) added to **Deadline 2**.
- Notification of date, time and place of Compulsory Acquisition Hearings between 8 and 12 July added Issue Specific Hearing notifications on 7 May 2019.
- New **Deadline 2a** added for receipt by ExA of Written Representations relating to any other environmental information submitted by the Applicant to Deadline 1.
- Deadline for comments on any other documents provided by the Applicant to Deadline 1 included in new **Deadline 2a**.
- ASI confirmed for 21 May 2019 (see notification at **Annex E**).
- Open Floor Hearing (OFH) 1, OFH2, OFH3 and OFH4 confirmed for 22 and 23 May 2019 (see notification at **Annex E**).
- Deadline for comments on the draft DAMS added to **Deadline 3**.
- Deadline for Applicant's response to comments on the draft DAMS added to **Deadline 4**.
- Dates reserved for August 2019 hearings changed to 21 to 22 August 2019 and 29 to 30 August 2019, and consequential changes to **Deadline 8**.
- Deadline for signed versions of any Development Consent Obligations associated with the application added to **Deadline 8**.

¹ Section 89(1) of the Planning Act 2008

² Your invitation to the Preliminary Meeting, available here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR020002-000511>

- Deadline for a final version of the DAMS added to **Deadline 8**.

2. Examining Authority's Written Questions

The ExA's Written Questions have been published here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010025-000575>

Some of the ExA's Written Questions (WQ) are directed to specific Statutory Parties which have not, at the time of writing, confirmed that they wish to become Interested Parties for the purposes of the examination of the application.

All relevant Statutory Parties will receive this correspondence and we request for each to check our WQs carefully in order that they may identify and respond to any questions posed to them. No party should feel inhibited or restricted in responding to any question we ask, even if it is directed elsewhere.

For the avoidance of doubt, Statutory Parties are defined as the parties listed in Schedule 1 to The Infrastructure Planning (Interested Parties and Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions) Regulations 2015³.

3. Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (update)

Having carefully considered representations made at the Preliminary Meeting on 2 April 2019, the ExA has made a Procedural Decision to update its Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (IAP).

The assessment provided at **Annex C** to this letter supersedes the assessment provided at **Annex B** to the Rule 6 letter.

To assist Interested Parties and others the changes made to the IAP are listed below:

- Words "*and farming activities*" and "*dust, noise, disruption to drainage, irrigation, water supply systems, pollution of soil and water courses*" inserted in first bullet under **Agriculture** Principal Issue (PI).
- Words "*and farming activities*" inserted in second and third bullets under **Agriculture** PI.
- Fifth **Agriculture** PI inserted "*Whether the direct effects of the scheme on existing agricultural uses would be minimised by the application of good design principles and mitigation measures*".
- Words "*such as Route F010*" and "*and Decisions*" inserted in first bullet under **Alternatives** PI.
- Words "*including the consideration of viable modal alternatives and other options*" inserted in second bullet under **Alternatives** PI.

³ Available via: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/legislation/>

- Third **Alternatives** PI inserted "*Whether the scheme would comply with all specific legal requirements in relation to the consideration of alternatives such as the Habitats Regulations and the Water Framework Directives*".
- Words "*traffic monitoring and mitigation, cultural heritage, ecology, landscape, lighting, potential disruption to water supply systems, land contamination and pollution control*" and "*and vibration*" inserted in third bullet under **Draft Development Consent Order** PI.
- Words "*and land drainage consenting*" inserted in tenth bullet under **Flood risk, groundwater protection, geology and land contamination** PI.
- Word 'provision' pluralised and word "*Preliminary*" deleted in seventh bullet under **Heritage and historic environment** PI.
- Words "*the OEMP, The Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy*" deleted and replaced with "*arrangements for the production of Heritage Management Plans, Method Statements, and Site Specific Written Schemes of Investigation*" in eighth bullet under **Heritage and historic environment** PI.
- Words "*and Decisions*" inserted in tenth bullet under **Heritage and historic environment** PI.
- Words "*and the dumbbell roundabout at Oatlands Hill*" deleted and replaced with "*the tunnel approaches, the Countess roundabout, the construction compounds, and haul routes*" in seventh bullet under the **Landscape and visual effects and design** PI.
- Ninth **Noise and vibration** PI inserted "*Effects of vibration upon archaeological remains during construction and operation*".
- Words "*and orders*" inserted in first second-tier bullet under second bullet under **Socio-economic effects** PI.
- Additional items "*the spiritual and religious significance of Stonehenge*" and "*loss of public views to Stonehenge*" inserted in second-tier bullet list under second bullet under **Socio-economic effects** PI.
- Words "*and recreational use by both motorised and non-motorised users*" inserted in Sustainable transport subheading under **Traffic and transportation** PI.
- Words "*in the light of the existing use by motorised users and the need to comply with s136(1) of the Planning Act 2008*" inserted in seventh bullet under Sustainable transport subheading under **Traffic and transportation** PI.

4. Statements of Common Ground

The Applicant is taking the lead in the preparation of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and it will aid the smooth running of the Examination if all Interested Parties who are participating in the preparation of SoCGs liaise and co-operate with the Applicant in respect of their production.

Having considered representations made at the Preliminary Meeting on 2 April 2019, the ExA has made a Procedural Decision to update the list of requested

SoCGs provided at section 6 of **Annex E** to the Rule 6 letter with SoCGs between the following parties:

- **The Applicant** and **The Trail Riders Fellowship**; and
- **The Applicant** and the **Blick Mead Archaeological Team**

5. Local Impact Reports (LIRs)

A LIR is a report in writing giving details of the likely impact of a Proposed Development on a local authority's area (or any part of that area). For more information about the importance and content of LIRs see our Advice Note One: Local Impact Reports⁴.

Local authorities⁵ are invited to submit LIRs by **Deadline 1** in the Examination Timetable.

6. Request for other documents

The following documents and information, referred to at the Preliminary Meeting on 2 April 2019 should be provided by the Applicant to **Deadline 1** in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**):

- i. The five available water reports and the groundwater monitoring report for Blick Mead.
- ii. A note on the Blick Mead groundwater monitoring situation including the installation of additional monitoring equipment.
- iii. All available archaeological evaluation reports.
- iv. A response to Dr Andrew Shuttleworth's request for confirmation of validation of Highways England's data and approach.
- v. An update on the provision of the English Heritage Phase I Visitor Survey referred to in [APP-195] as requested by the Stonehenge Alliance.
- vi. An update on provision of the list of other information requested by the Stonehenge Alliance (Geoscientific data set out in the appendix to their letter dated 21 March 2019 notifying matters they wished to raise at Preliminary Meeting), and also in respect of two redacted bird survey documents [APP157 and APP255] to be discussed with the Stonehenge Alliance and the National Farmers' Union.
- vii. A note confirming discussions with Graham Parker (RSA (Amesbury 2018)) in respect of the A303 Parker Plan prepared by Balfour Beatty for the former Highways Agency.
- viii. A note confirming discussions with the Great Bustard Group in respect of bird survey data sought by them.
- ix. An update on Highways England's position as regards the 1915 restrictive covenant attached to the relevant land sale document, in response to the query raised by Andrew Rhind Tutt.

⁴ Available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

⁵ Defined in s56A of the Planning Act 2008

- x. A response on the prospect of livestreaming of future Examination events.

The following documents, referred to at the Preliminary Meeting on 2 April 2019 should be provided by the Applicant to **Deadline 2** in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**):

- i. The third edition of Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (GLVIA3).
- ii. Highways England Interim Advice Note 135/10 (2010).

The ExA also reconfirms its request for the documents identified in section 4 of **Annex E** to the Rule 6 letter dated 4 March 2019⁶ to be submitted by the Applicant to **Deadline 2** in the Examination Timetable (**Annex A**). These are:

- A Mitigation Schedule.
- The Scheme Assessment Report (including appendices).
- Public Rights of Way clarifications.
- Various World Heritage Committee/ International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) documents.

⁶ Available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR020002-000511>

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues (update)

This is the Initial Assessment of the Principal Issues prepared under s88(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008). This initial assessment has had regard to consideration by the Examining Authority (ExA) of the application documents and of Relevant Representations received in respect of the application.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters. The ExA will have regard to all important and relevant matters during the Examination and when it writes its Recommendation Report to the Secretary of State for Transport after the Examination has concluded.

The order of the issues listed is alphabetic and does not imply any order of prioritisation or importance.

The policy and consenting requirements and documents associated with the PA2008 are an integral part of the Examination and are therefore not set out as separate Principal Issues.

It should be noted that a number of the Principal Issues set out below have an interrelationship and overlap and these will be reflected in the Examination.

It should also be noted that:

- whilst the effects of the proposal on the achievement of sustainable development including the mitigation of, and adaption to, climate change are not listed as specific Principle Issues; and
- whilst the effects of the proposal in relation to human rights and equalities duties are not listed as specific Principle Issues;

the ExA will conduct all aspects of the Examination with these objectives in mind.

1. **Agriculture** – to include:

- Effects of construction work upon agricultural land, soil quality and farming activities including loss of land or buildings, severance and loss of or effects upon farm infrastructure, dust, noise, disruption to drainage, irrigation, water supply systems, pollution of soil and watercourses.
- Effects on agriculture land, soil quality and farming activities during operation including permanent loss of land or buildings, permanent severance and permanent loss of or effects upon farm infrastructure.
- Design, mitigation and enhancement measures to avoid or mitigate adverse effects on agricultural land and holdings and farming activities and the means whereby these would be secured and enforced including the measures set out within the Outline Environmental Management Plan (OEMP).
- Whether the scheme seeks to minimise impacts on soil quality taking proposed mitigation into account.

- Whether the direct effects of the scheme on existing agricultural uses would be minimised by the application of good design principles and mitigation measures.

2. **Air quality, dust and other emissions** – to include:

- Air quality impact baseline assessment methodology.
- Effects on air quality arising from dust and particulates during the construction phase including through construction activities, emissions from construction traffic and equipment/ plant and changes in traffic flows.
- Effects on air quality arising from dust and particulates during the operational phase including through changes in vehicular activity and changes in distances between sources of emissions and air quality sensitive receptors.
- Air quality both inside and outside the proposed tunnel including the impact of tunnel emissions at the exit portals.
- Proposed mitigation, monitoring and control measures for air quality, dust suppression, control and use of equipment/ plant and construction traffic management and how such matters would be secured and enforced including by the OEMP and Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).
- Whether all reasonable steps have been taken and would be taken to minimise any detrimental impact on amenity from emissions.

3. **Alternatives** – to include:

- The Environment Statement (ES) approach to alternatives including consideration of various route, scheme and design development options for the project such as tunnel length and routeing outside the World Heritage Site (WHS) such as Route F010 referred to by UNESCO/ ICOMOS in their Final Report and Decisions on the joint World Heritage Centre/ ICOMOS Advisory mission to Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites.
- Whether a proportionate option consideration of alternatives that reflects all the relevant policy and legal requirements has been undertaken including the consideration of viable modal alternatives and other options.
- Whether the scheme would comply with all specific legal requirements in relation to the consideration of alternatives such as the Habitats Regulations and the Water Framework Directives.

4. **Biodiversity, biological environment and ecology** – to include:

- The ecological baseline assessment methodology.
- Effects upon International statutory designated sites, namely, Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and their qualifying features including those arising from the creation of a temporary crossing of the River Till valley during construction, the new viaduct across the River Till and potential disturbance of Stone Curlew and Great Bustard within the Salisbury Plain SPA.

- Implications for national statutory designated sites including Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and National Nature Reserves (NNR).
- Implications for regional and local statutory designated sites, non-statutory designated sites and nature reserves such as County Wildlife Sites (CWSs) and RSPB reserves including the loss of the Countess Cutting CWS.
- Implications for protected and notable habitats and species.
- Proposed mitigation, enhancement and design features such as the provision made within the OEMP and the Environmental Masterplan for planting, green bridges and habitat creation including the creation of a new area of chalk grassland habitat adjacent to Parsonage Down SSSI.
- Opportunities for the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and ecological conservation interests including within the water environment and to enhance habitats for species.

5. **Compulsory Acquisition** – to include:

- Independently from the question of whether development consent should be granted, whether the full extent of the land, rights and powers that are sought to be compulsorily acquired are required for or to facilitate or are incidental to the Proposed Development¹.
- Whether there is a compelling case in the public interest² for the Compulsory Acquisition of the land, rights and powers that are sought by the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO).
- Whether all reasonable alternatives to Compulsory Acquisition have been explored³.
- Whether adequate funding is likely to be available to enable the promoter to carry out the Compulsory Acquisition within the statutory period.
- Whether the capital cost estimate for the scheme includes the resource implications of a possible blight notice.
- Whether the purposes stated for the acquisition are legitimate and sufficient to justify the inevitable interference with the human rights of those affected.
- The proposed acquisition of statutory undertakers' land and rights over such land and the detriment that may be caused to the carrying on of the undertaking in question⁴.
- Adequacy of any Protective Provisions set out in the dDCO and the progress of any outstanding Protective Provisions that are not agreed, including those relating to the Esso pipeline and the Environment Agency.
- Special category land, namely, open space and land which is held inalienably by the National Trust and the proposed imposition of Restrictive Covenants and powers of Temporary Possession in relation to such land.
- Crown Land.

¹ See s122(2) of the PA2008

² In terms of s122(3) of the PA2008

³ See s123 of the PA2008

⁴ See s127 of the PA2008

6. Draft Development Consent Order – to include:

- Construction, form, extent and definitions comprised in the dDCO including Requirements, Protective Provisions and design flexibility.
- Adequacy of the dDCO Requirements, the OEMP and associated documents, their status and enforceability to secure the proposed mitigation.
- Whether any additional requirements are necessary in relation to construction traffic, traffic monitoring and mitigation, cultural heritage, ecology, landscape, lighting, potential disruption to water supply systems, land contamination and pollution control, surface water drainage, flood risk, air quality, noise and vibration?
- Whether the flexibility that the scheme currently provides in terms of detailed design can be justified and represents a reasonable approach particularly in the light of the statutory procedures available for the approval of subsequent changes to a DCO?
- The proposed procedure for consultation on and the discharge of Requirements by the Secretary of State.
- The need for and means of securing funding for any necessary monitoring and enforcement of the dDCO Requirements.
- Associated obligations and agreements such as Development Consent Obligations.

7. Flood risk, groundwater protection, geology and land contamination – to include:

- Baseline groundwater modelling and flood risk assessment methodology and updates.
- Implications for soil and groundwater contamination during construction stage including the potential for contaminants from existing sources to enter groundwater and for dispersal and accidental releases of contaminants, dust and uncontrolled run-off to occur including the potential impact upon private water supplies.
- Flood and pollution risk implications for surface water and groundwater arising from the operation of the road including those arising from road water run-off.
- Whether the tunnelling operation or other earthworks would be likely to have any adverse impact upon the existing water table.
- Implications that the scheme would have for the current and future target Water Framework Directive (WFD) status of the River Avon, the River Till and the Upper Hampshire Avon groundwater body.
- Proposed drainage infrastructure including sump emptying for tunnel drainage, road drainage provision and design features and the means whereby this would be secured by the dDCO.
- Other proposed mitigation, monitoring and control measures and the means whereby they would be secured including measures within the Drainage Strategy, OEMP and CEMP.

- Proposed provisions for the containment of contaminated run-off and treatment of run-off from the scheme.
- The need for the dDCO to include a Requirement designed to secure a strategy for dealing with risk from land contaminated by historic uses.
- The proposed disapplication of abstraction licensing and land drainage consenting by the dDCO.
- The need for a dewatering impact assessment and mitigation measures to be secured by the dDCO.
- Consideration of the potential presence of voids in 'unique' Phosphatic Chalk Deposits and the appropriate design approach and/ or mitigation should such dissolution features be encountered, particularly whilst tunnelling.
- The effects of possible groundwater changes on historic assets.

8. Health and wellbeing – to include:

- Potential adverse effects on human health and the living conditions of local residents during construction and operation including those arising from air quality, noise and vibration, visual impact and pollution.
- Potential beneficial effects on human health and the living conditions of local residents during construction and operation.
- The overall impact upon human health and the living conditions of local residents taking into account the cumulative effects of the scheme itself and with other development.
- Whether there is a need for on-going monitoring of any potential adverse health effects.

9. Heritage and historic environment – to include:

- The ES identification of affected designated and non-designated heritage assets and their settings including those beyond the boundary of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites WHS.
- Assessment of the significance of affected heritage assets and their settings including any contribution that they make to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the WHS.
- Assessment of potential harm to the significance of affected heritage assets and their settings during construction and operation including the WHS and assets within it such as the loss of any archaeological remains within the construction footprint, compaction of archaeological deposits, impact upon any ongoing archaeological work such as Blick Mead, impact upon the setting of assets and the relationship between monuments/ assets, the wider landscape and other such asset groups and changes to key views and sight lines.
- Assessment of opportunities and public benefits that the scheme could provide during construction and operation for the significance of affected heritage assets and their settings or on the ability to appreciate them such as the enhancement of access to the WHS, the scope for linking the Stonehenge monument to the wider landscape and other monuments/

assets, the reconnection of the Avenue, the removal of traffic and modern road infrastructure from certain viewpoints, changes to key views and sight lines and potential astronomical benefits.

- The proposed limits of deviation (LoD) set out in the dDCO including the tunnel LoD and the area around the portal entrances and the implications that the scope for variation could have for the OUV of the WHS.
- The provisions of the Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (DAMS), the Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation, the OEMP and the archaeological evaluation reports.
- Proposed mitigation, enhancement and monitoring arrangements for the protection of archaeological areas and historic assets during construction including the arrangements for the production of Heritage Management Plans, Method Statements, and Site Specific Written Schemes of Investigation and associated documents and the means whereby this would be secured by the dDCO.
- Consultation and engagement with Historic England, the National Trust, local authorities, and other parties during construction.
- Proposed mitigation, enhancement and monitoring arrangements during operation including the provision of Cultural Heritage Asset Management Plans and the inclusion of a detailed archaeological and heritage outreach and education programme within the DAMS and the means whereby this would be secured by the dDCO.
- The overall effect, taking proposed mitigation into account, that the scheme would have on the OUV of the WHS having regard to the UNESCO/ ICOMOS Final Report and Decisions on the joint World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS Advisory mission.
- Whether any additional mitigation would be necessary to minimise the adverse impacts of the scheme on the setting of the asset groups within the western part of the WHS.
- The positive and negative effects on heritage and the historic environment of alternative approaches, including longer tunnel options and different routes such as Route F010.
- The effects of the proposals, and the alternative approaches, on future archaeological and historic research.

10. Landscape and visual effects and design – to include:

- Methodology of assessment of visual impact, landscape impact, tranquillity and the character of the night sky.
- Accuracy of illustrative material including photomontages and zone of theoretical visibility.
- Consideration of the need for further photomontages or other illustrative material.
- Adverse visual changes that would be experienced during construction and operation by residents, visitors, tourists and users of nearby public rights of

way and public highways including loss of public views of Stonehenge, the visual impact of the River Till viaduct and the Countess flyover.

- Adverse landscape changes that would occur during construction and operation to the landscape and tranquillity of the areas in which the Proposed Development lies and from where it could be seen, including the Cranbourne Chase and West Wiltshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the Special Landscape Area (SLA) and landscape character areas.
- Beneficial changes to visual and landscape impact that would occur during the operational phase of the project.
- Effects upon the character of the night sky within the vicinity of the WHS during construction and operation including the potential for light spillage from the Longbarrow junction and the tunnel approaches, the Countess roundabout, the construction compounds, and haul routes.
- Whether the project design, including that for the proposed tunnel, its portals and portal approaches, associated buildings/ structures, and the infrastructure design of roads, bridges, and embankments takes account of environmental effects on the landscape and siting, operational and other relevant constraints, to enhance visual and landscape character and minimise harm to the landscape.
- Consideration of the analytical and illustrative approach to the design of site-specific infrastructure including design principles, materials, detailed design and the scope for variation in developing detailed design.
- Proposed design, mitigation and enhancement measures during construction and operation, including planting provision and maintenance and the means of securing and enforcing the mitigation measures such as through the OEMP.
- Whether the visual impact upon residents, and other sensitive receptors, such as visitors to the local area and users of recreational facilities within it, would outweigh the benefits of the development taking proposed mitigation into account.

11. Noise and vibration – to include:

- Noise and vibration baseline noise survey methodologies.
- Effects of noise and vibration arising from construction work and construction traffic upon occupants of nearby residential properties with particular regard to the impact upon those living near the Countess Roundabout, Amesbury, Stonehenge Cottages, Rollestone Crossroads and to the north of Winterbourne Stoke.
- Effects of operational noise and vibration, including those arising from changes to the road layout and changes in traffic levels on the local road network, upon occupants of nearby residential properties with particular regard to the impact upon those living to the north of Winterbourne Stoke, Church Street/ High Street, Amesbury and near the Countess Roundabout, Amesbury.
- Effects of noise and vibration upon farm animals, wildlife, birds and fish during construction work including those that would result from piling work.

- The implications that any operational noise would have for the tranquillity and enjoyment of the WHS.
- Whether the scheme shows good design through optimisation of scheme layout to minimise noise emissions.
- Proposed monitoring and mitigation measures, including noise and vibration reduction measures, working hours, techniques and practices and the means whereby this would be secured by the dDCO and the OEMP.
- Effects of vibration upon archaeological remains during construction and operation.

12. Socio-Economic Effects – to include:

- Baseline assessment methodology and the socio-economic evaluation.
- Effects on communities and businesses during construction and operation with particular regard to:
 - Visitors, tourists and other communities and orders attracted to the WHS;
 - recreational users including users of PROWs;
 - local residents and communities;
 - farm-based enterprises and other local businesses;
 - local employment opportunities;
 - the spiritual and religious significance of Stonehenge; and
 - loss of public views of Stonehenge.
- Proposed mitigation measures to address any socio-economic effects.
- Opportunities to support local employment, businesses and services.
- Whether there is a need for any additional monitoring, management and mitigation measures to avoid, reduce or compensate for adverse impacts.
- Whether it is necessary, in the light of applicable national and local policy and legislation, for the host communities to gain positive socio-economic benefits from the scheme.

13. Traffic and Transportation – to include:

Road safety and network performance

- Transport Assessment methodology, proposed monitoring and enforcement and any assessment discrepancies and inconsistencies.
- Clarification of the proposed operation of and responsibilities for the various elements of the scheme.
- Whether the scheme would provide road safety, traffic flow and journey time benefits for users of the A303 and local road network.
- Whether the scheme would result in any unacceptable transport impacts upon either the local or strategic road networks.

Sustainable transport and recreational use by both motorised and non-motorised users

- The scheme objectives in terms of provision for walking, cycling and horse riding and how these would be secured by the dDCO.
- The proposed changes to existing Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) and the ability to access them.
- Effects of the scheme upon users of existing PRoWs including Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs), bridleways and public footpaths.
- The scheme provision for suitably located bridges to maintain the existing function of the PRoWs and the inclusion of new non-motorised user routes.
- Whether the scheme design and access proposals, including the proposed treatment of the current A303 and the redundant portion of the A360, satisfactorily reflects the needs and concerns of the agricultural community, disabled people, non-motorised users, cyclists, horse riders and other PRoW users.
- The provision of a suitable safe road crossing system at the new Longbarrow roundabout for horse riders and other vulnerable road users.
- Whether an alternative link should be provided to replace the motorised link between byways AMES 11 and AMES 12 in the light of the existing use by motorised users and the need to comply with s136(1) of the Planning Act 2008.

Construction work impacts

- Effects of construction work activity on the existing road network including the generation of additional heavy goods vehicle (HGV) trips by construction and delivery vehicles.
- Effects of construction-related traffic control measures upon users of the A303 and at the Longbarrow and Countess roundabouts with particular regard to traffic flow and journey times.
- Effects of construction work, construction access routes, and construction compounds on the living conditions of local residents.
- Whether the construction work activity and use of construction compounds would result in unacceptable increases in traffic and journey times on alternative routes using other local roads.
- Mitigation proposed to reduce the adverse effects of traffic during the construction phase, including the impact of increased traffic using the B390, and how this would be secured and enforced by the dDCO and the proposed Traffic Management Plan (TMP).
- The need for the location, means of access and use of the construction compounds to be secured by the dDCO.
- The need for early development of the CEMP, for pre and post works condition surveys to be carried out, for regional diversion measures to be provided and for enforceable measures to be included to deter haulage sub-contractors using unsuitable routes.

- Cumulative impact with traffic generated by other developments.

14. Waste and Materials Management – to include:

- Implications that the proposed construction work would potentially have for material resources and waste arisings including the chalk tunnel arisings that would be produced from tunnel excavations.
- The proposed arrangements for waste and materials management and design, mitigation and enhancement measures to minimise the volume of waste produced and sent for disposal including the Tunnel Arisings Management Strategy.
- The need for any treatment or contingency arrangements for materials that may be unsuitable for reuse in landscaping or habitat creation.
- The means whereby the management of waste and materials, including tunnel arisings, would be secured by the dDCO, the OEMP and the Materials Management Plan.

Availability of representations and application documents

The application documents and Relevant Representations are available on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published at the above location.

For ease of navigation, please refer to the Examination Library (EL) which is accessible via a blue button under the 'Documents' tab, here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/?ipcsection=docs>. The EL is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

The EL records and provides a hyperlink to:

- each application document;
- each representation made to the Examination; and
- each Procedural Decision made by the Examining Authority.

Each document is given a unique reference which will be fixed for the duration of the Examination. A hyperlink to each document on the project webpage is also provided. Please use the unique reference numbers applied in the EL when referring to any Examination Documents in any future submissions that you make.

Documents can be viewed electronically, free of charge*, at the following locations. Please note that you will need to take a form of identification or be a member of Wiltshire Libraries to use a computer at these locations.

* Persons who are not a member of Wiltshire Libraries are asked to make a suggested donation of £1 for 30 minutes computer access.

Electronic deposit locations

Local authority	Library	Opening hours
Wiltshire Council	Amesbury Library Smithfield Street Amesbury Salisbury SP4 7AL	Monday: 2.00pm to 7.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.30am to 1.00pm Sunday: Closed
	Devizes Library	Monday: 9.30am to 7.00pm

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	<p>Sheep Street Devizes SN10 1DL</p>	<p>Tuesday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Wednesday: 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.30am to 4.00pm Sunday: Closed</p>
	<p>Marlborough Library 91 High Street Marlborough SN8 1HD</p>	<p>Monday: 2.00pm to 7.00pm Tuesday: Closed Wednesday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Thursday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.30am to 1.00pm Sunday: Closed</p>
	<p>Salisbury Library Market Place Salisbury SP1 1BL</p>	<p>Monday: 10.00am to 7.00pm Tuesday: 9.00am to 7.00pm Wednesday: 9.00am to 5.00pm Thursday: 9.00am to 5.00pm Friday: 9.00am to 7.00pm Saturday: 9.00am to 5.00pm Sunday: Closed</p>
	<p>Warminster Library Three Horseshoes Walk Warminster BA12 9BT</p>	<p>Monday: 10.00am to 7.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Wednesday: 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.30am to 4.00pm Sunday: Closed</p>
	<p>Westbury Library Westbury House Edward Street Westbury BA13 3BD</p>	<p>Monday: 2.00pm to 7.00pm Tuesday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.00pm Saturday: 9.30am to 1.00pm Sunday: Closed</p>

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	Wilton Library South Street Wilton Salisbury SP2 0JS	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10.00am to 7.00pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 10.00am to 5.00pm Friday: 10.00am to 5.00pm Saturday: 10.00am to 1.00pm Sunday: Closed
Printing costs (all libraries)	Black and white	Colour
A4	10p per page	Unavailable
Link to all council library locations		
http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-home		

Notification of initial hearings, notification of Accompanied Site Inspection and information about further hearings in the course of the Examination

Notification of Open Floor Hearings

Please be advised that the Examining Authority (ExA) will hold four hearings under section 93 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) on the following dates:

Date	Hearings	Start time	Venue
22 May 2019	Open Floor Hearing 1	10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP2 7TU
22 May 2019	Open Floor Hearing 2	7.00pm (seating available from 6.30pm)	
23 May 2019	Open Floor Hearing 3	10.00am (seating available from 9.30am)	
23 May 2019	Open Floor Hearing 4	7.00pm (seating available from 6.30pm)	

City Hall is fully disabled accessible. Paid parking is available in the adjacent Central Car Park. Parking is free after 6.00pm. For more information please visit City Hall's website: <http://www.cityhallsalisbury.co.uk/>

Please note that each participant will be provided with one opportunity to speak. **The ExA will not wish to hear submissions from groups or individuals repeated.**

If you wish to participate in or observe the Open Floor Hearings (OFH), please let the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team know by emailing A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk **no later than Friday 10 May 2019** indicating:

- which OFH hearing you wish to attend;
- whether you wish to speak at the hearing and the issues about which you wish to make oral representations; and
- notifying us of any special needs you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc).

Notification in respect of the above should be sent separately from any other written submission, and appropriately titled to allow the Planning Inspectorate to quickly identify which event the notification relates to.

Each Interested Party should assume that they will be allowed a maximum speaking time of 5 minutes in total for all submissions that they wish to make in these sessions. Please note that in the event that there are an exceptional number of potential submissions, it may be necessary to be more restrictive.

The agenda for these hearings is available on the National Infrastructure Planning website here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010025-000563>

Seating will be available at the venue 30 minutes prior to the start of each hearing to enable a prompt start. The hearings will finish as soon as the ExA deems that all those present have had their say and all matters have been covered.

Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection

Please be advised that the ExA will hold an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) under Rule 16 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date and time	Meeting place
Accompanied Site Inspection	21 May 2019 Safety briefing 9.30am Departure 10.00am	Amesbury Central Car Park, Amesbury (opposite Amesbury Library, SP4 7AL)

The final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the National Infrastructure Planning website on or before 25 April 2019.

If you wish to attend the ASI, after the itinerary has been published please let the Case Team know by emailing A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk **no later than Friday 10 May 2019** indicating:

- the specific site(s) named in the itinerary at which you wish to meet the ExA; and
- notifying us of any special needs you may have.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the minibus that will be used for the ASI is **strictly limited**. Priority capacity must be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate, the Applicant, local authorities and relevant Statutory Parties.

Any Interested Parties who express a wish to attend the ASI for its duration will be contacted by the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary.

The inspection may include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather, and sturdy footwear.

Please be reminded that the purpose of the site inspection is to allow the ExA to look at particular physical features, first hand. It is not an opportunity to make any oral representations about the application to the ExA.

Further hearings in the course of the Examination

The Examination Timetable reserves the following periods for Issue Specific Hearings, Compulsory Acquisition Hearings and further OFHs:

- 22 to 23 May 2019 (notified above);
- 4 to 14 June 2019;
- 8 to 12 July 2019; and
- 21 to 22 and 29 to 30 August 2019.

Information about hearings is included in the Planning Inspectorate's 'Advice Note 8.5: The examination: hearings and site inspections', available on the National Infrastructure Planning website here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-5v3.pdf>

The time, date and place of any confirmed hearing will be notified in writing to all Interested Parties, providing at least 21 days' notice.

Procedure at hearings

The procedure to be followed at hearings is set out in The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010¹. Any oral representations must be based on either the Relevant Representation or Written Representation made by the person by whom, or on whose behalf, the oral representations are made.

The ExA is responsible for the oral questioning of a person giving evidence and the process affords very limited scope to allow cross-questioning between parties².

The Examination will be principally undertaken through the exchange of written submissions, and the ExA will decide whether a hearing on a particular issue or topic is necessary. This decision is not connected to how relevant or important the ExA considers an issue or topic to be.

Hearing agendas

The Planning Inspectorate will aim to publish a draft agenda for each hearing on the project webpage on the National Infrastructure Planning website at least five working days in advance of the hearing date. The actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subject to change at the discretion of the ExA.

¹ Rule 14

² Rule 14(5)