



Amesbury to Berwick Down

Public Consultation – February 2018





### Introduction

Highways England is consulting on its proposals to improve the A303 past Stonehenge between Amesbury and Berwick Down.

The scheme is part of the Government's strategy to upgrade the A303/A358 route to a continuous dual carriageway to improve connectivity between the South East and the South West of England.

# Why we are consulting

The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on the scheme proposals. Your feedback will inform our continuing development of the scheme to the point when we are ready to submit our application for planning consent.

### More information

A consultation booklet has been produced which describes our scheme proposals. The booklet and further information, including plans of the scheme and our Preliminary Environmental Information Report with its accompanying Non-Technical Summary, are available:

- on the scheme website: www.highways.gov.uk/
   A303Stonehenge/consultation where the consultation documents can be viewed and downloaded
- at public information events where the scheme proposals will be on display and members of the project team will be available to answer questions
- at deposit points where copies of the consultation documents can be viewed

Details about the public events and deposit points are available on the scheme website or can be obtained by calling 0300 123 5000. Information can also be requested by writing to us or emailing us using the contact details provided opposite.

## How to give us your views

You can respond to this consultation in a number of ways:

- Online: by completing this response form at www.highways.gov.uk/A303Stonehenge/consultation
- Email: by sending your response form to A303Stonehenge@highwaysengland.co.uk
- Freepost: by posting your response form to Freepost A303 STONEHENGE CONSULTATION

If you are completing a paper copy of this response form, please feel free to use additional paper if the boxes within the form do not provide enough space for the comments you wish to make. Paper copies of the response forms can also be completed and handed in at the public information events.

The closing date for responses to this consultation is 23:59 on Friday 6 April 2018.

### **Data protection**

Your feedback will inform our continuing development of the scheme. Once we have taken your feedback into consideration, we plan to submit our application for a Development Consent Order in Autumn 2018. We will also prepare a report on the consultation, recording the feedback and our response, which will be published with our application.

Your comments will be analysed by Highways England and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available in due course to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that your comments can be considered as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application process. We will request that your personal details are not placed on public record and will be held securely by Highways England in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent DCO application and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties.

# **PART 1: About you**

Please tell us your name and address. This information is optional, but will allow us to update you on the outcome of the consultation and the next stages in this project. If you do not want to provide these details, please just give us your postcode.

Name:			
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Are you an affected landholder:	☐ Yes	□ No	
Are you responding on behalf of an organisation:	☐ Yes	□ No	
If yes, which organisation?			

# **PART 2: The scheme proposals**

For ease of providing feedback, the proposed scheme has been divided into three sections as set out in Chapter 5 of the consultation booklet and on Figure 1 below:

**Western section -** Winterbourne Stoke bypass to Longbarrow junction

Central section - within the World Heritage Site

Eastern section - Countess junction to just beyond the Solstice Park junction

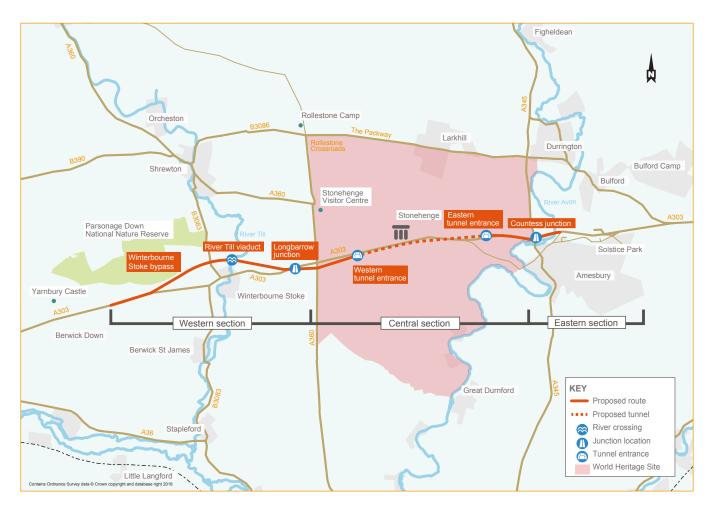


Figure 1: Proposed scheme sections

We would welcome your comments on the key elements within each section that make up the proposed scheme, along with any other matters or concerns you wish to raise about our proposals, section by section.

# THE WESTERN SECTION: Winterbourne Stoke bypass to Longbarrow junction

The proposed new road would begin at the existing A303 south-east of Yarnbury Castle, on Berwick Down, and would bypass Winterbourne Stoke to the north. The road would cross the River Till valley on a viaduct and continue eastwards to a new Longbarrow junction with the A360.

For more information please refer to pages 14 to 25 of the consultation booklet.

For this western section, we would like you to consider in particular our proposals for:

- crossing the River Till valley on a viaduct see question 1
- the Longbarrow junction between the A303 and A360 see question 2

You can also provide any other views you may have on our proposals for this section of the scheme in question 3.

Q1. Please provide us with any comments you may have on our proposals for the viaduct crossing of the River Till valley.	
You can find more information about these proposals on pages 19 to 21 of the consultation booklet.	
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# THE CENTRAL SECTION: Within the World Heritage Site

From the new Longbarrow junction, the new road would continue into the World Heritage Site (WHS) before entering the proposed tunnel and emerging to the east of The Avenue. The new road would then join the alignment of the existing A303 towards a new junction at the existing Countess roundabout.

For more information please refer to pages 26 to 41 of the consultation booklet.

For this central section, we would like you to consider in particular our proposals for:

- the green bridge (No.4) at or near the western boundary of the WHSsee question 4
- the cutting in the WHS on the western approach to the tunnelsee question 5
- the western entrance to the tunnel see question 6

You can also provide any other views you may have on our proposals for this section of the scheme in question 7.

Q4: Please provide us with any comments you may have on our proposals for the green bridge (No.4) at or near the western boundary of the World Heritage Site.	
You can find more information about these proposals on pages 28 to 29 of the consultation booklet.	

Q5: Please provide us with any comments you may have on our proposals	
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Q7. Do you have any other comments about our proposals for the central section of the scheme within the World Heritage Site?		
You can find more information about these proposals on pages 26 to 41 of the consultation booklet.		

# THE EASTERN SECTION: Countess junction to just beyond the Solstice Park junction

This section of the scheme includes a new junction between the A303 and A345 at the site of the existing Countess roundabout, together with proposals for closing unsafe connections either side of the existing A303 dual carriageway just to the east of the Solstice Park junction.

For more information please refer to pages 42 to 49 of the consultation booklet.

For this eastern section, we would like you to consider our proposals for:

■ the A303 flyover at Countess roundabout – see question 8

You can also provide any other views you may have on our proposals for this section of the scheme in question 9.

Q8: Please provide us with any comments you may have on our proposals for the A303 flyover at Countess roundabout.
You can find more information about these proposals on pages 44 to 47 of the consultation booklet.

Q9: Do you have any other comments about our proposals for the eastern section of the scheme (Countess junction to just beyond the Solstice Park junction)?			
You can find more information about these proposals on pages 42 to 49 of the consultation booklet.			

# PART 3: The environmental effects of the scheme

Before we make our application for a Development Consent Order we are gathering environmental information, identifying the potential impacts of the proposed scheme and developing measures to secure environmental benefits and to avoid or reduce adverse effects - a process known as environmental impact assessment (EIA).

While the EIA is ongoing, we have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEI Report) to describe the environmental setting and currently anticipated effects of the proposed scheme. A Non-Technical Summary of the PEI Report has also been prepared to summarise the environmental effects.

Q10: Do you have any comments on the preliminary environmental information provided for the scheme?
You can find more information in the PEI Report and its Non-Technical Summary.

# **PART 4: Additional comments**

We would welcome any other comments you would like to make about the scheme.

Q11: Do you have any other comments you would like to make about the scheme?	

# **PART 5: About this consultation**

We would like to understand how you heard about this consultation and the range of people who are taking part, to enable us to gather data that can be useful in informing planning arrangements for future consultations.

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