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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 Highways England ("the Applicant") has submitted an application under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008") for an order to grant development consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down scheme ("the Scheme").
- 1.1.2 This document provides an accessible guide to the Scheme, the Applicant and application, and it will assist those in reviewing the application documentation.

1.2 Structure of this document

- 1.2.1 This document comprises 12 chapters as described below:
 - a) Chapter 1 introduces this document;
 - b) **Chapter 2 The Scheme** provides a high level description of the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Scheme;
 - c) Chapter 3 The Applicant introduces Highways England as the Applicant;
 - d) Chapter 4 Overview of the application documentation explains the structure of the documentation submitted as the Development Consent Order ("DCO") application with a summary of each volume;
 - e) **Chapter 5 Application documents** provides a list of the application documents within each volume and individual reference numbers; and
 - f) Chapters 6 to 12 these sections explain the purpose of each of the documents submitted.



2 The Scheme

2.1 Scheme description

- 2.1.1 The A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down scheme ("the Scheme") forms part of a programme of improvements for upgrading the A303/A358 corridor, improving this vital connection between the South West and London and the South East and including the upgrade of remaining single carriageway sections on the route to dual carriageway. This investment is stated as a priority project in the National Infrastructure Plan and Government's commitment is confirmed in the Road Investment Strategy (2015-2020). Subject to achieving an approved Development Consent Order ("DCO"), preliminary works are planned to start in 2020 with the main construction works following in 2021, and the Scheme is due to open to traffic in 2026.
- 2.1.2 Objectives for the Scheme have been formulated both to address identified problems and to take advantage of the opportunities that new infrastructure would provide. The objectives are defined by the Department for Transport's ("DfT"):
 - **Transport** To create a high quality reliable route between the South East and the South West that meets the future needs of traffic:
 - Economic Growth to enable growth in jobs and housing by providing a free flowing and reliable connection between the South East and the South West.
 - Cultural Heritage To help conserve and enhance the World Heritage
 Site and to make it easier to reach and explore; and
 - Environment and Community To improve biodiversity and provide a positive legacy for nearby communities.
- 2.1.3 The objectives would be achieved by providing a high quality, two-lane dual carriageway on the A303 trunk road between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire. The Scheme would resolve traffic problems and, at the same time, protect the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site, ("WHS"). The Scheme would be approximately 8 miles (13km) long and comprise the following key components:
 - A northern bypass of Winterbourne Stoke with a viaduct over the River Till valley;
 - b) A new junction between the A303 and A360 to the west of and outside the WHS, replacing the existing Longbarrow roundabout;
 - c) A twin-bore tunnel approximately 2miles (3.3km) long, past Stonehenge; and
 - d) A new junction between the A303 and A345 at the existing Countess roundabout.
- 2.1.4 Figure 2.1A-C in Appendix A shows the full red line boundary of the Scheme.



3 The Applicant

3.1 Highways England

- 3.1.1 Highways England is the strategic highways company charged with operating, maintaining and improving England's motorways and major A roads. Formerly the Highways Agency, Highways England became a Government owned company in April 2015. Highways England is responsible for operation, maintenance and improvements to the motorways and major (trunk) roads in England.
- 3.1.2 The existing A303 is part of the trunk road network for which Highways England is responsible.
- 3.1.3 The Scheme contact details are:

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3.2 The Project Team

- 3.2.1 The Scheme is managed by Highways England from its Bristol office by the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Project Team, which is responsible for delivering the project in accordance with the Scheme's requirements.
- 3.2.2 The AECOM, Mace, WSP consortium ("AmW") has been appointed by Highways England as Technical Partner to prepare the DCO design and the application for development consent, and support Highways England through the Examination process.
- 3.2.3 Together, Highways England and AmW make up the Project Team.



4 Overview of the Application Documentation

4.1.1 The reports, drawings and plans that make up the DCO application have been organised into seven volumes as listed in Table 4-1. The seven volumes are explained in more detail in Chapters 6 to 12.

Table 4-1 Summary of Contents of DCO Application

Volume	Content
1 Application information	The completed application form and an Introduction to the Scheme as required by the Planning Inspectorate.
2 Plans / drawings / sections	Plans, drawings and sections that illustrate the location of the Scheme, the proposed works, the land to be acquired and provide local geographical information.
3 Draft Development Consent Order and related documents	The draft Statutory Instrument containing the legal powers that Highways England is seeking to enable it to build, operate and maintain the Scheme, together with separate documents explaining the provisions of the DCO and how other required consents will be obtained.
4 Compulsory acquisition information	Evidence of why Highways England requires legal powers to compulsorily acquire land, how the Scheme will be funded and details of the land interests that are required for the construction and use of the Scheme.
5 Consultation Report	Details of the pre-application consultation that Highways England has undertaken on the Scheme and how consultation feedback has been taken into account.
6 Environmental Statement and related documents	An assessment of the likely significant effects (both positive and negative) of the Scheme on the environment and a description of mitigation measures proposed to reduce any negative impacts.
7 Other documents	Additional documents that support the DCO application; these are not legally required but provide useful information.



5 Application Documents

5.1.1 A list of documents within the application is set out in Table 5-1. If you require a copy of any of the application documents, or parts thereof, please contact the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Project Team (contact details in Section 3.1.3 above). A USB stick containing these documents will be provided free of charge; a reasonable charge for printing and distribution of hard copies may be made.

Table 5-1 Summary of DCO Application Documents

Volume	Application Document reference	Document title	Hard copy folder number
	1.1	Introduction to the Application	
Volume 1 Application Form	1.2	Covering Letter and Schedule of Compliance with Section 55 Application Checklist	Volume 1 Folder 1 of 1
	1.3	Application Form	
	2.1	Location Plan	Volume 2 Folder 1 of 10
	2.2	Land Plans	Volume 2 Folder 1 of 10
	2.3	Special Category Land Plans	Volume 2 Folder 2 of 10
	2.4	Crown Land Plans	Volume 2 Folder 2 of 10
Volume 2 Plans / Drawings / Sections	2.5	Works Plans	Volume 2 Folder 3 of 10
	2.6	Rights of Way and Access Plans	Volume 2 Folder 4 of 10
	2.7	Engineering Section Drawings (Plan and Profiles)	Volume 2 Folder 5 of 10
	2.8	Engineering Section Drawings (Cross Sections)	Volume 2 Folder 6 of 10
	2.9	General Arrangement Plans	Volume 2 Folder 7 of 10
	2.10	Traffic Regulation Measures Plans (Speed Limits)	Volume 2 Folder 8 of 10
	2.11	Traffic Regulation Measures Plans (Clearways and Prohibitions)	Volume 2 Folder 9 of 10
	2.12	De-trunking Plans	Volume 2 Folder 9 of 10
	2.13	Classification of Roads Plans	Volume 2 Folder 10 of 10
	2.14	Structures Drawings	Volume 2 Folder 10 of 10
	2.15	Tunnel Area Plan	Volume 2 Folder 10 of 10



Volume	Application Document reference	Document title	Hard copy folder number
	2.16	Tunnel Limits of Deviation Plan	Volume 2 Folder 10 of 10
	3.1	Draft Development Consent Order – pdf version	
Volume 3 Draft Development	3.1	Draft Development Consent Order – Word version	Volume 3
Consent Order and related documents	3.2	Explanatory Memorandum to draft Development Consent Order	Folder 1 of 1
	3.3	Consents and Agreements Position Statement	
Volume 4	4.1	Statement of Reasons	
Compulsory	4.2	Funding Statement	Volume 4 Folder 1 of 1
acquisition information	4.3	Book of Reference	FOIGEL LOLL
		Consultation Report	Volume 5 Folder 1 of 4
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		Appendix I Consultation Report Appendices Appendix J Consultation Report Appendices Appendix K	Volume 5 Folder 4 of 4
Volume 6	6.1	Environmental Statement Chapters 1 to 16	Volume 6 Folder 1 of 17
Environmental Statement and	6.2	Environmental Statement Figures Chapters 1 to 16	Volume 6 Folder 2 of 17
related documents	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices Appendix 1.1 to 5.5	Volume 6 Folder 3 of 17



Volume	Application Document reference	Document title	Hard copy folder number
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices Appendix 6.1	Volume 6 Folder 4 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices Appendix 6.1 – figures	Volume 6 Folder 5 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices Appendix 6.1 – Annexes 1 to 3	Volume 6 Folder 6 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices Appendix 6.1 – Annex 4 to appendix 6.3	Volume 6 Folder 7 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices Appendix 6.4 to 6.9	Volume 6 Folder 8 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices 6.10 to 7.7	Volume 6 Folder 9 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices 7.8 to 7.11	Volume 6 Folder 10 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices 8.1 to 8.15	Volume 6 Folder 11 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices 8.16A to 8.26	Volume 6 Folder 12 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices 9.1 to 10.1	Volume 6 Folder 13 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices 10.2 to 11.2	Volume 6 Folder 14 of 17
	6.3	Environmental Statement Appendices 11.3 to 15.2	Volume 6 Folder 15 of 17
	6.4	Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary	Volume 6 Folder 16 of 17
	6.5	Statement of Statutory Nuisance	Volume 6 Folder 17 of 17
	7.1	Case for the Scheme and NPS accordance table	
Volumo 7	7.2	Design and Access Statement	
Volume 7 Other documents	7.3	Equality Impact Assessment	Volume 7 Folder 1 of 2
	7.4	Transport Assessment	. 01001 1 01 2
	7.5	Combined Modelling and Appraisal Report	
	7.5	Appendix A	
	7.5	Appendix B – D	Volume 7 Folder 2 of 2



6 Volume 1 Application Information

- 6.1.1 The **Introduction to the Application** (Application Document 1.1) (i.e. this document) provides a summary of all the documentation provided for the DCO application.
- 6.1.2 The Covering Letter has the Schedule of Compliance with Section 55
 Checklist (Application Document 1.2). This schedule is completed by Highways
 England to evidence how the application fulfils the conditions for acceptance by
 the Planning Inspectorate ("the Inspectorate") under Section 55 of the PA 2008.
 This will aid the Planning Inspectorate complete their Schedule of Compliance
 with Section 55 on receipt of the DCO application.
- 6.1.3 The **Application Form** (Application Document 1.3) is a standard form and provides a high level summary of the Scheme and the documents that have been submitted.



7 Volume 2 Plans / Drawings / Sections

- 7.1.1 There is a Location Plan and 15 sets of plans (Application Documents 2.1 to 2.16, as described below). Where a plan comprises three or more separate sheets, a key plan is provided, showing the relationship between the different sheets. Each plan (and each sheet within a set of plans) includes a key, which explains the use of symbols/lines/shading to denote features and information in the plans. The exceptions to this are: the Location Plan, the Classification of Roads Plan; the Tunnel Area Plan; and the Tunnel Limits of Deviation Plan (Application Documents 2.1, 2.13, 2.15 and 2.16 respectively) which do not have or require a key plan because each of them comprises a plan shown on a single sheet.
- 7.1.2 **The Location Plan** (Application Document 2.1) identifies the location of the proposed development in its wider context.
- 7.1.3 **The Land Plans** (Application Document 2.2) correspond to the **Book of Reference** (Application Document 4.3) and, in summary, set out:
 - a) the land required for, or affected by, the Scheme;
 - b) any land over which it is proposed to exercise powers of compulsory acquisition or any right to use the land (including the right to take temporary possession of the land); and
 - c) any land impacted by the removal of private land rights over that land.
- 7.1.4 The **Special Category Land Plans** (Application Document 2.3) show the areas of special category land (open space and National Trust land held inalienably) within the DCO limits, which are proposed to be compulsorily acquired, or over which rights are proposed to be acquired compulsorily. In respect of the open space land that is proposed to be acquired, and in respect of the open space land that is proposed to be subject to the acquisition of rights, replacement land will be given in exchange (pursuant to sections 131(4) and 132(4) of the PA 2008) for the purposes of the Scheme.
- 7.1.5 The **Crown Land Plans** (Application Document 2.4) show the areas of Crown land which are required for the purposes of the Scheme.
- 7.1.6 The **Works Plans** (Application Document 2.5) show the route and alignment of the proposed development and works, and the limits of deviation within which the development and works may be carried out.
- 7.1.7 The **Rights of Way and Access Plans** (Application Document 2.6) show any new or altered means of access, stopping up of streets, roads and any diversions, extinguishment or creation of rights of way.



- 7.1.8 The Engineering Section Drawings (Plan and Profiles) and the Engineering Section Drawings (Cross Sections) (Application Documents 2.7 and 2.8) show the levels of the proposed works including:
 - a) Road levels;
 - b) The height of proposed bridges and viaducts;
 - c) The depth of cuttings; and
 - d) Depth of the tunnel (see the Tunnel Limits of Deviation Plan (Application Document 2.16) for details of the proposed depth of the bored section of the tunnel).
- 7.1.9 The **General Arrangement Drawings** (Application Document 2.9) provide a technical illustration of the Scheme shown against an Ordnance Survey base map.
- 7.1.10 The **Traffic Regulation Measures Plans (Speed Limits)** (Application Document 2.10) are provided to show the speed limits which are proposed to be applied by the Scheme.
- 7.1.11 The **Traffic Regulation Measures Plans (Clearways and Prohibitions)**(Application Document 2.11) show the clearways, and prohibitions proposed to be imposed by the Scheme to regulate traffic, as well as revocations of existing traffic regulation orders that are required in connection with the implementation of the Scheme.
- 7.1.12 The **De-Trunking Plans** (Application Document 2.12) show the lengths of the existing A303 which are to cease to have trunk road status upon the implementation of the Scheme.
- 7.1.13 The Classification of Roads Plan (Application Document 2.13) show highways classifications which are proposed to accommodate the Scheme within the existing highway network these include the application of appropriate classifications to new highways and the amendment of existing highways' current classifications, where necessary to accommodate the Scheme.
- 7.1.14 The **Structures Drawings** (Application Document 2.14) provide an indication of the location and proposed form of key features of the Scheme, such as the River Till viaduct, the Green Bridges, the tunnel and variable message sign support structures.
- 7.1.15 The **Tunnel Area Plan** (Application Document 2.15) shows the area which is proposed to be subject to the tunnel byelaws which are included in the draft Order.

The **Tunnel Limits of Deviation Plan** (Application Document 2.16) shows the limits of deviation prescribing the area of land (subsoil) within which the length of bored tunnel is proposed to be constructed.



8 Volume 3 Draft DCO and Related Documents

- 8.1.1 The **Draft Development Consent Order** (Application Document 3.1) sets out the powers that Highways England is seeking to enable it to construct and operate the Scheme. It sets out the parameters for what development would be permitted. It is accompanied by 12 schedules as outlined below:
 - a) Schedule 1 Authorised development lists the works that would be authorised by the grant of development consent, which are shown on the works plans and to which the schedule refers.
 - b) **Schedule 2 Requirements** sets out the conditions that Highways England would be required to accord with when implementing the development authorised by the DCO.
 - c) Schedule 3 Permanent stopping up of highways and private means of access and provision of new highways and private means of access sets out the highways and accesses which Highways England would permanently stop up as a result of the Scheme, and provides how Highways England would replace them (where necessary). Should be read in conjunction with the Rights of Way and Access Plans.
 - d) Schedule 4 Land in which only new rights etc., may be acquired sets out the land over which Highways England is seeking to acquire new land rights only (such as the rights to maintain infrastructure) rather than acquiring the entire freehold interest in that land. Should be read in conjunction with the Land Plans.
 - e) Schedule 5 Modification of compensation and compulsory purchase enactments for the creation of new rights amends relevant compulsory purchase legislation to ensure that it can apply to the DCO (particularly in connection with land and rights compulsorily acquired under the DCO).
 - f) Schedule 6 Land in which only subsoil or new rights in and above subsoil or new rights in and above subsoil and surface may be acquired sets out the land in which Highways England is only seeking to acquire subsoil and, above such subsoil, new land rights for the purposes of the Scheme.
 - g) Schedule 7 Land of which only temporary possession may be taken sets out the land which Highways England is seeking to possess temporarily for the purpose of constructing the Scheme.
 - h) **Schedule 8 Byelaws** sets out the byelaws Highways England is seeking to apply to users of the A303 tunnel to ensure safety etc.
 - i) Schedule 9 Classification of roads etc. lists the road classification (e.g. road numbers) by which the new and altered highways would be identified and sets out how the Scheme would be integrated into the existing network of highway classifications. Should be read in conjunction with the Classification of Roads Plan and the De-trunking Plans.



- j) Schedule 10 Traffic regulation measures sets out the traffic regulation measures (e.g. speed limits, clearways etc.) to which the Scheme would be subject and which would be required on the surrounding highway network in consequence of the Scheme. Should be read in conjunction with the Traffic Regulation Measures Plans.
- k) **Schedule 11 Protective provisions** includes provisions to protect the interests of various bodies (e.g. statutory undertakers) in the context of the Scheme.
- Schedule 12 Documents to be certified contains a list of documents that would be 'certified' under the relevant article of the DCO, if the DCO is made by the Secretary of State.
- 8.1.2 The **Explanatory Memorandum** to the Draft Development Consent Order (Application Document 3.2) explains the purpose and effect of each provision in the draft DCO including why it is considered necessary.
- 8.1.3 Highways England requires a range of consents and agreements to construct and operate the Scheme. Some of these are included in the draft DCO and would therefore be granted to Highways England as part of the development consent. However, there are a range of other consents from different regulatory organisations that will be required separate to the DCO. For example, licences will be required from Natural England. Highways England's proposed approach to obtaining these is explained in the **Consents and Agreements Position Statement** (Application Document 3.3).



9 Volume 4 Compulsory Acquisition Information

- 9.1.1 In order to implement the Scheme, Highways England will need to use statutory powers to acquire land and rights in land, and to possess and use land temporarily. Highways England is required to provide evidence that the use of these powers would be justified, proportionate and in the public interest, and this evidence is set out in a Statement of Reasons (Application Document 4.1), Funding Statement (Application Document 4.2) and Book of Reference (Application Document 4.3) as explained below.
 - a) The **Statement of Reasons** (Application Document 4.1) explains that there is a compelling case in the public interest which would justify Highways England's exercise of powers of compulsory acquisition in order to acquire land and rights permanently and to use land temporarily to enable it to construct, operate and maintain the Scheme.
 - b) The **Funding Statement** (Application Document 4.2) explains how the Scheme, including any compulsory acquisition, would be funded.
 - c) The **Book of Reference** (Document Reference 4.3) identifies, on a plot by plot basis, each person having an interest in a plot of land within the Order limits. It also lists the persons with an interest in land outside the Order limits who may be entitled to make a relevant claim, as defined in section 57 of the PA 2008, and being a claim for compensation due to the effects of construction on the value of their property; or due to diminution in the value of their property arising from the use of the Scheme. It is structured in five parts in compliance with the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009. The five parts are:
 - Part 1: Contains the names and addresses of each person within Categories 1 and 2, as set out in Section 57 of the PA 2008, along with the area of each plot of land in which the development is proposed to be carried out.
 - ii. Part 2: Contains the names and addresses (if known by the Applicant) of each person within Category 3, as defined by Section 57 of the PA 2008. A person is within Category 3 if the Applicant believes that, if the DCO were to be made and fully implemented, they would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim as defined in Section 57(6) of the PA 2008. A relevant claim is a claim under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, a claim under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973, or a claim under section 152(3) of the PA 2008.
 - iii. Part 3: Contains the names of all those with easements or other private rights over land which it is proposed shall be extinguished, suspended or interfered with pursuant to the exercise of the powers in the DCO.
 - iv. Part 4: Specifies the names and addresses of the owner of any Crown interest in the land which is proposed to be used for the purposes of the DCO for which the application is being made.



v. Part 5: Specifies land that as part of the DCO is proposed to be acquired but which may be subject to special parliamentary procedure, is special category land or is replacement land.



10 Volume 5 Consultation Report

- 10.1.1 The Consultation Report (Application Document 5.1) provides an account of the pre-application consultation undertaken on the Scheme. The report includes details of the statutory consultation which Highways England is required to undertake in accordance with the 2008 Act, the informal engagement that has taken place, and how the Scheme has been amended to reflect comments received. The chapters of the Consultation Report are as follows:
 - a) Chapter 1 introduces the Consultation Report, the Scheme, the Applicant and compliance with regulatory requirements. The chapter outlines the structure of the Consultation Report.
 - b) Chapter 2 outlines the background, objectives and the evolution of the Scheme. The chapter describes the process for non-statutory engagement that Highways England has implemented to develop and shape the Scheme through face-to-face engagement as well as other methods.
 - c) Chapter 3 explains how Highways England undertook the statutory consultation on the Scheme.
 - d) Chapter 4 provides a quantitative summary of the responses received to the statutory consultation; describes the methodology used for their analysis and identifies the main themes arising from the feedback received.
 - e) Chapter 5 addresses the matters arising from the statutory consultation, collated under the themes identified in Chapter 4. The chapter then goes on to provide Highways England's response to the matters raised, providing a summary of design changes as a result of consultation and the issues raised that did not lead to design change with explanation.
 - f) Chapter 6 describes the supplementary consultation undertaken in relation to three specific proposed changes to the scheme following the statutory consultation.
 - g) Chapter 7 provides details of how Highways England carried out consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("EIA Regulations"). This includes details of the request for a Scoping Opinion and the preparation of a Preliminary Environmental Information Report to support the statutory consultation.
 - h) Chapter 8 concludes the report, providing an overview of the consultation which has taken place and the compliance with the relevant legislation.
- 10.1.2 An Executive Summary is provided with the Consultation Report.
- 10.1.3 A range of appendices that support the report are provided in the Consultation Report Appendices (Application Documents 5.2 5.5) and as described below:
 - a) Appendix A Compliance checklist;



- b) Appendix B Consultation and engagement overview;
- c) Appendix C Development of the Statement of Community Consultation ("SOCC") including a copy of the published SOCC;
- d) Appendix D Consultation maps;
- e) Appendix E Section 42 consultation comprises of a list of statutory consultees that were consulted about the Scheme such as local authorities, environmental organisations, landowners and utilities companies;
- f) Appendix F Section 47 consultation provides sample letters and notices to demonstrate how the correct legal procedures have been followed;
- g) Appendix G Consultation material includes copies of the consultation questionnaire, leaflet, brochure and other consultation material that was available through the statutory consultation process;
- h) Appendix H Additional consultees;
- i) Appendix I Extended consultation;
- j) Appendix J Supplementary consultation; and
- k) Appendix K responses to consultation provides a summary of all comments received during the statutory consultation. This includes all comments received from local authorities, statutory consultees such as environmental organisations, persons with an interest in the land affected (including landowners and tenants) and the wider public.



11 Volume 6 Environmental Statement and Related Documents

11.1 Environmental Statement

- 11.1.1 Highways England has undertaken an environmental impact assessment ("EIA") of the Scheme which considered the environmental baseline conditions, potential impacts as a result of construction, operation and maintenance of the Scheme and any residual environmental effects. The **Environmental Statement** (Application Document 6.1) reports the findings of the EIA. The findings of the EIA are also summarised in the Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary (Application Document 6.4).
- 11.1.2 The EIA and the Environmental Statement are legal requirements and accord with relevant legislation and current guidance. Both the Scoping Opinion and comments provided by statutory consultees to the Inspectorate (as included in Appendix 2 to the Scoping Opinion) have been considered in undertaking the EIA and in preparing the Environmental Statement. The Scoping Opinion has been included in the Environmental Statement Appendices, (Application Document 6.3 Appendix 4.1).
- 11.1.3 The Environmental Statement also provides general information on the Scheme including context, description of the Scheme and its construction, alternatives considered and technical information and assessment on a range of topics. This chapter provides an overview of the structure of the document to assist with navigation.
- 11.1.4 The Environmental Statement includes the following introductory chapters:
 - a) Chapter 1 Introduction;
 - b) Chapter 2 The Scheme;
 - c) Chapter 3 Assessment of Alternatives; and
 - d) Chapter 4 Environmental Assessment Methodology.
- 11.1.5 The following technical topic based chapters set out the environmental effects of each topic listed:
 - a) Chapter 5 Air Quality;
 - b) Chapter 6 Cultural Heritage;
 - c) Chapter 7 Landscape and visual;
 - d) Chapter 8 Biodiversity;
 - e) Chapter 9 Noise and vibration;
 - f) Chapter 10 Geology and soils;
 - g) Chapter 11 Road Drainage and Water Environment;



- h) Chapter 12 Materials, Assets and Waste;
- i) Chapter 13 People and communities; and
- j) Chapter 14 Climate.
- 11.1.6 The following chapters conclude and summarise the environmental effects:
 - a) Chapter 15 Cumulative Effects; and
 - b) Chapter 16 Summary.

11.2 Environmental Statement Figures

The Environmental Statement is accompanied by a series of figures which support the findings of the EIA. These are provided in the **Environmental Statement Figures** (Application Document 6.2) as summarised in Appendix B Table B-1.

11.3 Environmental Statement Appendices

- 11.3.1 The Environmental Statement is accompanied by a series of appendices which support the findings of the EIA. These are provided in the **Environmental Statement Appendices** (Application Document 6.3) as summarised in Appendix B Table B-2. Notable appendices include:
 - a) Appendix 2.1, Environmental Mitigation Schedule;
 - b) Appendix 2.2, Outline Environmental Management Plan;
 - c) Appendix 4.1, Scoping opinion and late scoping consultation responses;
 - d) Appendix 6.1, Heritage Impact Assessment;
 - e) Appendix 6.11, Outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy;
 - f) Appendix 8.23, Summary of non-significant effects for construction and operation;
 - g) Appendix 8.24, Habitats Regulations Assessment;
 - h) Appendix 8.25, Assessment of implications on European Sites Statement to Inform Appropriate Assessment; and
 - i) Appendix 11.2, Water Framework Directive Compliance Assessment.



11.4 Non-technical Summary

11.4.1 The full findings of the EIA are reported in the Environmental Statement (Application Document 6.1); the **Non-technical Summary** (Application Document 6.4) is a concise document which summarises the main findings of the Environmental Statement in non-technical language.

11.5 Statement of Statutory Nuisance

11.5.1 A **Statement of Statutory Nuisance** (Application Document 6.5) identifies the matters set out in Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in respect of statutory nuisances and considers whether the proposed development would engage one or more of those matters. Where any matters may be potentially engaged, this statement sets out its proposals for mitigating or limiting them.



12 Volume 7 Other Documents

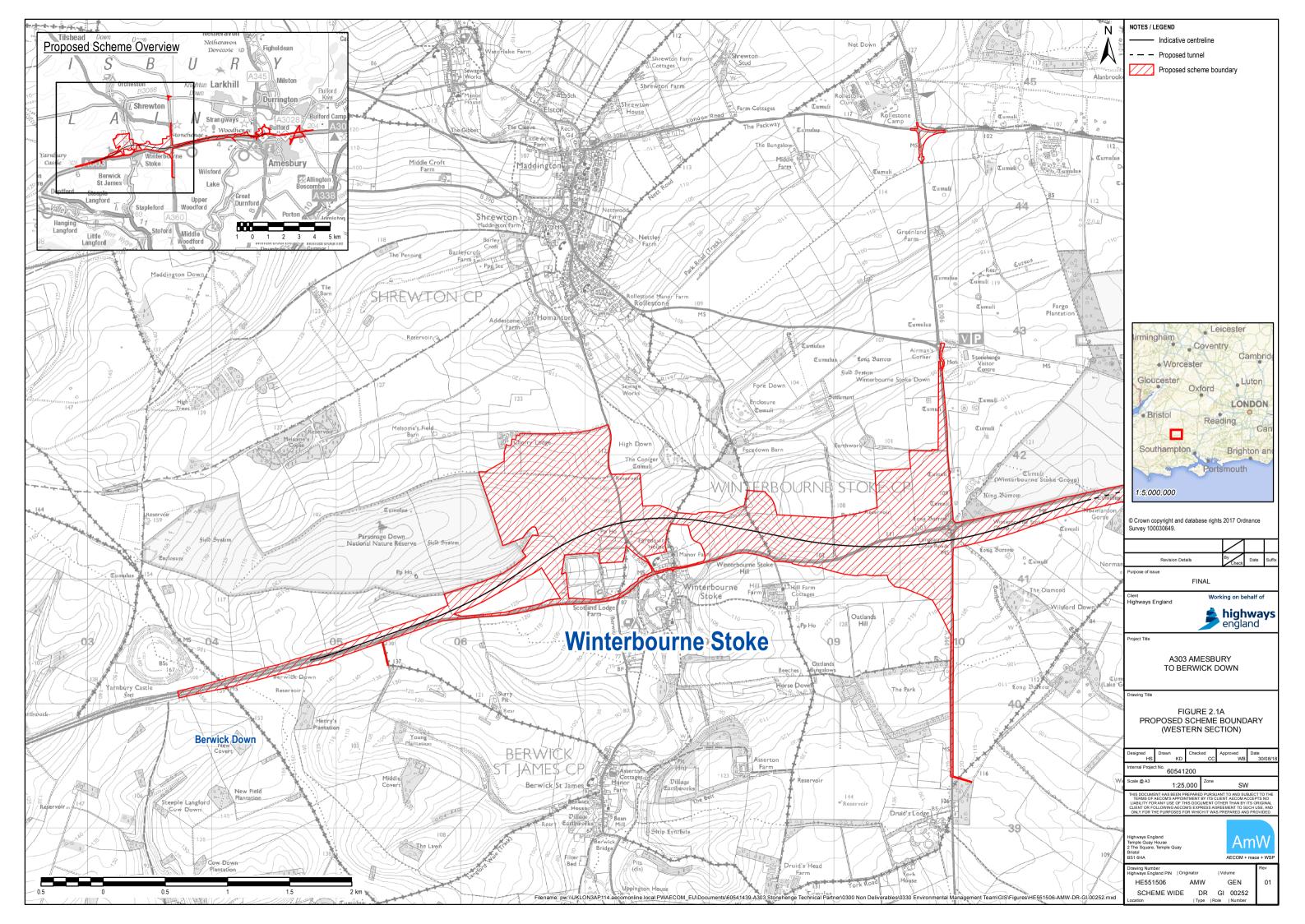
- 12.1.1 A number of additional documents have been submitted with the Development Consent Order application. These documents are not legally required, but are intended to provide useful information on the Scheme and aid detailed understanding of the application and its justification.
- 12.1.2 The **Case for the Scheme** (Application Document 7.1) sets out the need for the Scheme, the objectives that it seeks to address, options and alternatives considered and an explanation of the Scheme's development over time. It also sets out how the Scheme meets its objectives and how it aligns with government policy.
- 12.1.3 As per section 104 of the PA 2008, the National Policy Statement for National Networks ("NPSNN") provides the primary basis for the Examining Authority ("ExA") to examine the DCO application and the Secretary of State to determine the application for the Scheme; as well as other important and relevant considerations. The NPS Accordance Table is appended to the Case for the Scheme (Application Document 7.1) and demonstrates the Scheme's alignment and conformity with planning policy, in particular the NPSNN.
- 12.1.4 The **Design and Access Statement** ("DAS") (Application Document 7.2) presents the Scheme in design and access terms, demonstrating how the Scheme meets relevant design requirements, whilst achieving the scheme objectives. It also explains how the proposed design has been informed by an understanding of the relevant planning policies.
- 12.1.5 The **Equality Impact Assessment** (Application Document 7.3) provides the assessment of compliance with current national legislation set out under the Equality Act 2010 and associated Public Sector Equality Duty.
- 12.1.6 The **Transport Assessment** (Application Document 7.4) assesses the impact of the Scheme on the strategic and local highway network, road safety, and local sustainable modes of transport.
- 12.1.7 The **Combined Modelling and Appraisal** report (Application Document 7.5) details the transport modelling and economic assessment undertaken for the scheme, including:
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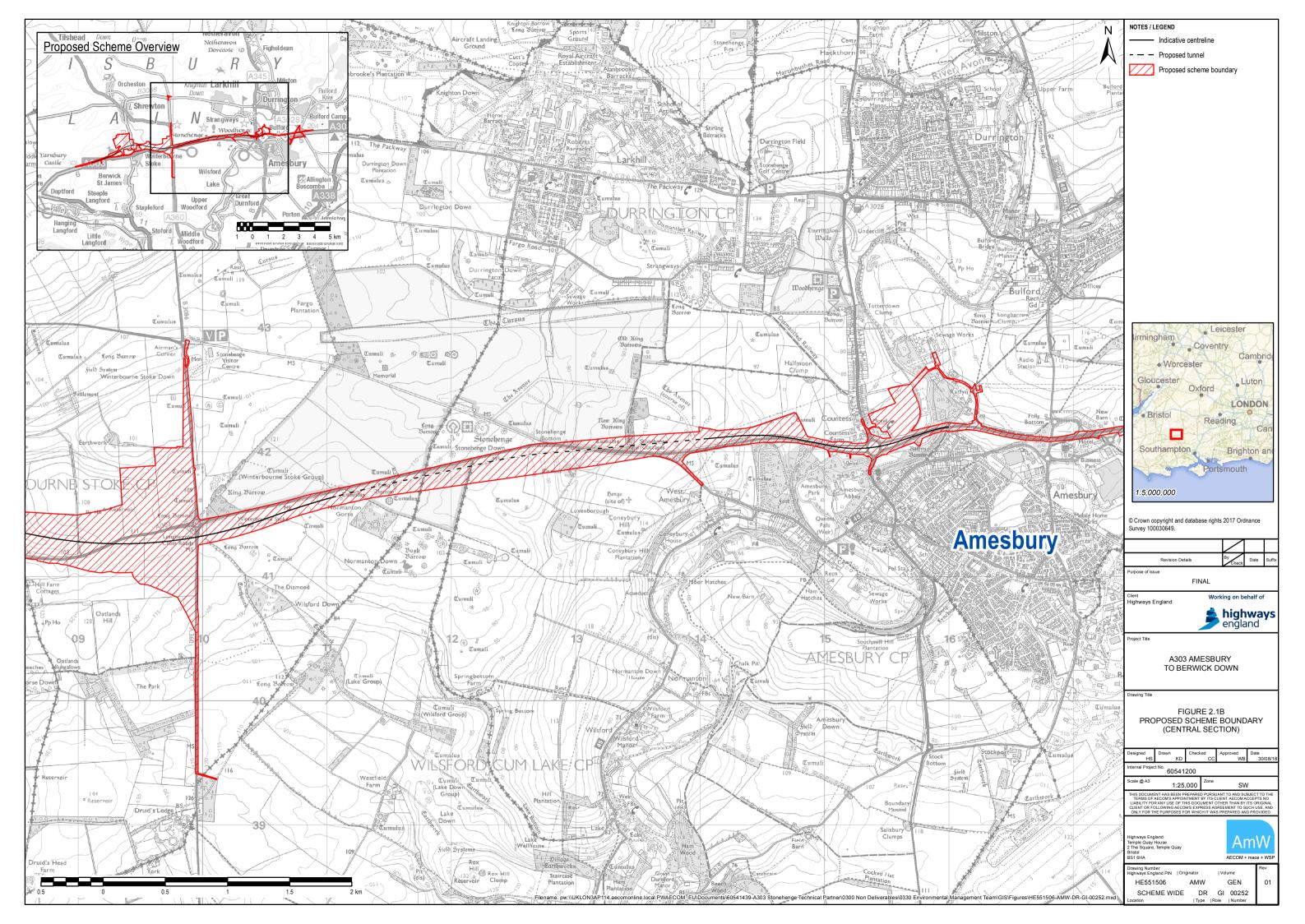


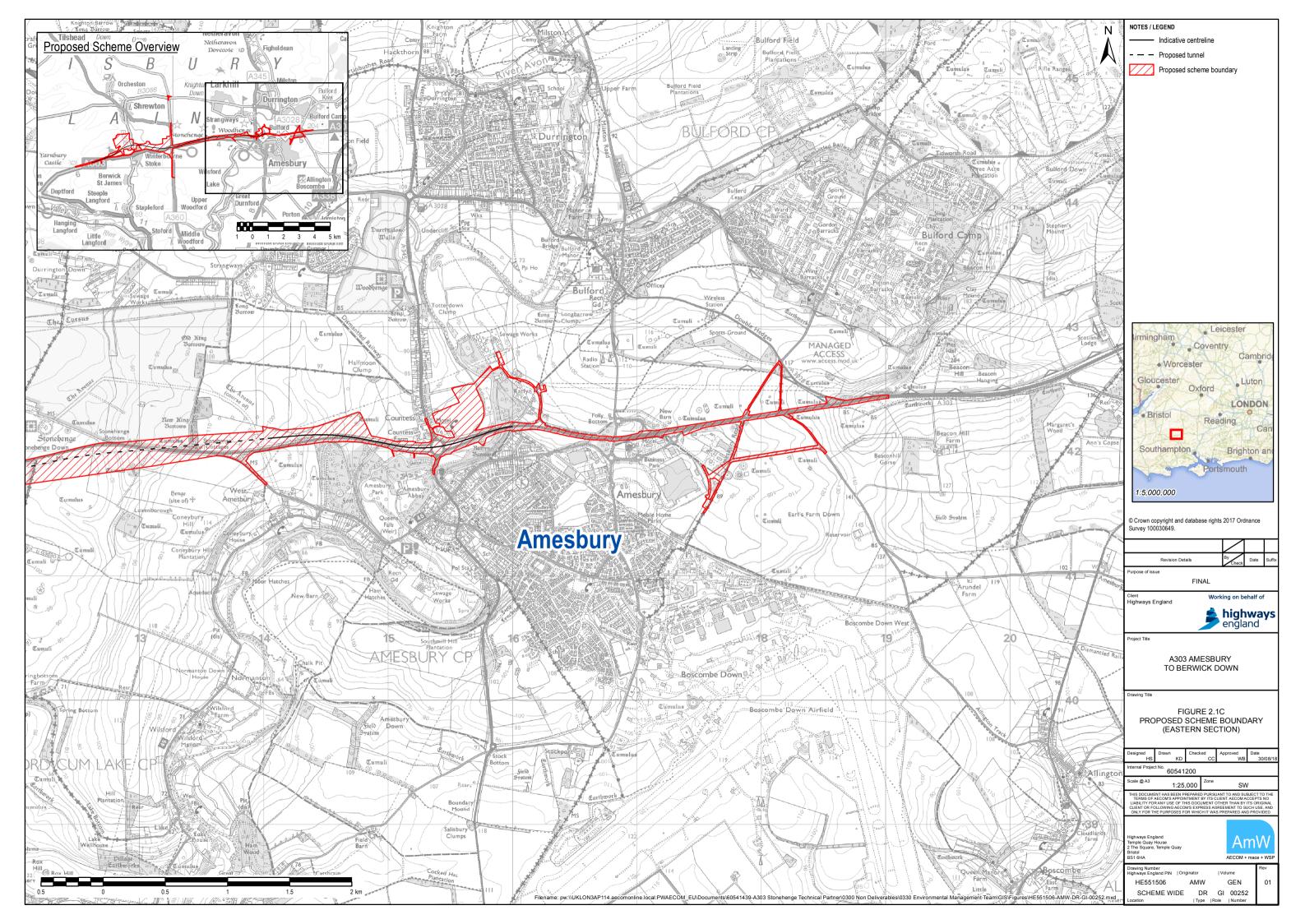
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