

# **A303 Stonehenge: Amesbury to Berwick Down**

## **Written Representations**

### **On behalf of**

### **Mrs Kathleen Edna Crook - A Tier 1 Landowner**

**May 2019**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This submission is made on behalf of Mrs Kathleen Edna Crook. Mrs Crook is impacted by the proposed Scheme, as a freeholder within the proposed Order limits.
- 1.2. The Crook family farm locally and breed and rear cattle as well as cultivating arable crops, such as wheat, barley and oilseed rape.
- 1.3. A plan showing the extent of Mrs Crook's freehold ownership immediately adjoining the proposed Order limits has been provided within the response to the Examining Authority's first Written Questions and request for information (ExQ1) issued on 11 April 2019 specifically AG 1.23 - copy attached as Appendix One.

#### **2. Treatment of the Stopped Up Allington Track and Future Ownership**

- 2.1. The Scheme proposes to stop up a section of the existing Allington Track immediately adjacent to the current junction of the unclassified road with the A303. Despite numerous enquiries over an extended period the Applicant has been unable to confirm whether the existing metalled surface is to be removed.
- 2.2. Mrs Crook respectfully suggests in the strongest possible terms that this should be done, and the area returned to a natural state. Not to do so or indeed any lesser treatment such as perforating the existing surface and then covering over would be failing in a duty of care, effectively discarding in open countryside an area of brownfield built environment once it has become surplus to requirement. Furthermore, leaving the current surface to degrade once routine maintenance ceases would risk leaching and contamination in the future.
- 2.3. Other decommissioned metalled surfaces within the Scheme are to be broken out and removed. The Allington Track should not be dealt with any less sensitively if the Scheme requires this section to be stopped up. It is worth noting that the adjoining landowners intend to plant trees over this area and leaving the metalled surface, albeit perforated and buried, would compromise this aspiration and the associated environmental and landscape benefits.

2.4. Both landowners adjoining the proposed section to be stopped up are Tier One landowners who will be subject to impositions under the Scheme. It is their wish and respectfully suggested as the most appropriate course of action that the freehold of the stopped-up section, that will by that very action become surplus to highway requirement, be transferred to the adjoining landowners in equal proportions from the centre line of the existing carriageway.

### **3. Additional Matters**

- 3.1. These Written Representations are intended to bring to the attention of the Examining Authority the specific issues that are of concern to Mrs Crook, a Tier One landowner within the proposed Order limits.
- 3.2. Mrs Crook's representatives are registered to speak at the forthcoming hearings should the requirement arise. Mrs Crook wishes to reserve the right to include within the subsequent Examination process any further areas of concern that may have been omitted in error, that may arise when additional detail is provided by the Applicant or become apparent through the hearings.

## APPENDICIES

Appendix One

Ownership Plan