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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: ANSWER TO THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY'S SECOND WRITTEN QUESTIONS QUESTION CA.2.42
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Dear Sirs ,

The only meeting on this matter which included my clients, myself and the National Trust was held on 19th June. At the conclusion of that meeting David Bullock and Alistair Reason from Highways England joined the room and a further meeting on this subject was held.

The National Trust wrote to their tenant Philip Sawkill on 5th July with copies to myself and David Bullock, but no such copy was sent to Mrs.Sandell the landowner over which part of any access track would have to Passover . The National Trust have consistently not appreciated that Mrs. Sandell has to be an integral part of any discussion about access as the operation of her freehold farm at Park Farm is reliant upon having a suitable and fit for purpose access to the Countess Road post construction of the scheme as proposed.

On 5th July 2019 I wrote on behalf of my clients to Simon Derby of Savills Taunton as agent for the National Trust requesting that the Trust need to demonstrate whether or not the land at Countess Farm is held inalienably and requested a copy of the declaration made in pursuance of their statutory powers . I also suggested, that what was being proposed by my clients, eg a track over land at Countess Farm to the Countess Road, may not actually amounts to "alienation" of the land as the proposed used would have a barely discernible impact on the environment.

Finally it was pointed out that the issue needs to be seen in the broader context of the tunnel, as providing the alternative means of access via Countess Farm will remove the practical impediment to progress negotiations with Highways England.

To date there has been no response received, no further negotiations have taken place and progress is zero. This access issue is for the scheme promoter to address and not for The National Trust to decide.

Yours faithfully

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