



A303 Stonehenge (Amesbury to Berwick Down) Community Forum

Wednesday 1 May 2024

Project Attendees

Sue Manns	Independent Chair
Ken Marshall	Project Manager
Charlotte Brown	Communications Team
Laura Ford	Communications Team
Matt Whale	Project Manager (Octavius)
Paris Linkins	Stakeholder and Social Value Manager (Octavius)
Paul Acott	Utilities Manager

<p>Sue Manns</p>	<p>Welcome Agenda Introductions</p> <p>Action tracker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue introduced the action tracker which keeps track of questions and topic suggestions at CF meetings and how they're being actioned. • The tracker currently has questions from the July, November, February and March CF meetings and additional requests sent by email to the team. • The tracker will be updated regularly and will be shown at the start of every future CF meeting. • If there is anything you would like addressed at the CF, contact the project team and we will add it in. • Q. About legacy issue, the legacy issue in the table is the wrong legacy issue. The correct issue is about the legacy projects that were highlighted in 2016, co-funded by National Highways. We want to re-ignite the work that was previously done. People are asking, what is happening with these? • A. National Highways team will look into this and add it to the tracker for the next meeting. • Q. What are the feasibility studies mentioned in the action tracker? • A. They relate to work underway by Wiltshire Council relating to PRow in the area (see notes of last CF meeting 5 March 2024). This will be addressed by the Wiltshire Council. • A. Wiltshire Council confirmed that this is on hold at the moment.
<p>Ken Marshall</p>	<p>Project Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save Stonehenge World Heritage Site have issued an appeal against the High Court decision. There is no decision yet from the Court of Appeal as to whether or not the appeal will be heard.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Appeal Court considered an 8th ground for appeal (known as the A47 appeal). Dr Boswell plans to challenge this decision at the Supreme Court. • We cannot plan a date for the preliminary works as we haven't received a decision from the Court of Appeal. • Q. Do you see an end to the legal challenges? What stops someone else doing it afterwards? • A. The Supreme court is the last stop, regardless of who brings it, it is about the process and interpretation of the legislation and not the merits of the case. The legal process will come to an end, and we believe we are at the nal stage of this. • Our next steps are preparation for preliminary works, mobilise partners, re-engage stakeholders and finalise the scheme design. • As for the timeline of the works, we are currently awaiting a decision from the courts. • Q. About the A47 attempt to take this to the Supreme Court. Will this stop the preliminary works if the other appeal is rejected? • A. It would have an impact, we would have to see what our legal team would say. The A47 has started preliminary works, so there is a precedence for us starting. We would need advice from lawyers whether or not to go ahead.
<p>Paul Acott</p>	<p>A360 works update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The A360 works are being done in three stages. The team are currently 600 metres shy of Stoford crossroads. The works are on plan. • The team is planning ahead to minimise disruption during Summer Solstice. • We have significant signage at strategic locations. This is to support emergency diversions. • The team have rolled out 'tech devices' that check on the signs in case they fall over or to ensure they are still there. This eliminates people having to go round and check on them. • Q. About the road structure, how good will repairs be on the road that's already giving way? • A. Reinstatement of the road has a period of 2 years, if any defects happen as a result of the works being undertaken, then we are required to fix this. • Q. About monitoring the signs, specifically in the Packway in Larkhill as this is a rat run. What monitoring of traffic patterns are you putting in now? Are you monitoring to see who is suffering? • A. We did pre-traffic monitoring, but I will need to check if the Packway was included. We have done traffic counts and post closure monitoring. This will allow us to work with the local authorities in case any more traffic management or changes need to be done. • Q. Can you share these numbers? • A. I will need to check. • Q. The 7.5 ton limit, there isn't a single sign in Woodford but there should be, why is there not? • A. On the Stonehenge Road there is signage when you pull in here. • Information from attendee - about the B3083, there is a sign saying no route, this isn't correct. I appreciate you are trying to stop rat running but it is factually untrue to say this. • A. Ken Marshall – I am unsure why this has been put up, we have to be careful with signs. We will take this away and have a look. • A. Paul Acott – Once we have data from data management, we can look at this.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q. About business owners on A303, can the sign saying business open as usual point to the B3083 as there is businesses there as well? • A. Ken Marshall – Yes, we can do this.
<p>Charlotte Brown</p>	<p>Public Information Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are halfway through the Public Information Events, with two more to go. Events have been going well. • Topics raised include appeal process, general election, traffic management and A360 closure. • Q. How did the Salisbury event go with Stonehenge Alliance? • A. It was just as expected, they were not disruptive. We had security on hand, but they did not have to take action.
<p>Q&A</p>	<p>Q. Any indication of when access onto the A303 from Stonehenge Road will be closed?</p> <p>A. The intention is that the start of main works will be around April 2025. Countess roundabout will be the first stages of main works.</p> <p>Q. Why are sections of the A303 a metre wider in some areas than others?</p> <p>A. Ken Marshall – This will depend on when that piece of road was built. As it goes in sections, it depends on the standards that were applicable at the time when each section is made.</p> <p>Request from attendee – It would be helpful to have information events for specific towns, to ensure the town can understand the impact of the works on them. It would be good to know what is happening and when in the town.</p> <p>A. The National Highways team will look into doing events for this.</p>