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Dear Mr. Madge,

STONEHENGE VISITORS CENTRE

Thank you for your letter dated 26th April.

(a) Please can you confirm that, under the terms of planning condition 27, it would be wholly impermissible for English Heritage (and/or their agents/partners) to commence any development works until "details of the pedestrian and cycle route along the whole of the A344, including crossing arrangements at the A303 (Stonehenge Bottom), have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority".

(b) Have WC developed any thoughts on what would constitute "a safe crossing point on the A303" and/or "alternative crossing points on the A303 and associated links" ? Do WC recognize that, because of high traffic volumes and speeds along the A303, there would be extreme difficulty in providing "a safe crossing point" for pedestrians and cyclists without a subway or bridge ?

(c) Will an ultimate decision on this matter be submitted to a committee of elected members who have been fully informed and advised about the key considerations ?

(d) If I submitted evidence and opinion to the Council, would it be taken into consideration within the decision-making process ?

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(e) On behalf of English Heritage, Loraine Knowles informs me that "the pedestrian and cycle route" would be 'permissive' - **not** a right-of-way. She insists that the landowners would be able to exercise their discretion to close this route at some future time without any need to seek permission from the local authority. Please advise me whether WC have made any decision on whether a 'permissive' route would be acceptable within the terms of the conditional planning consent.

I fully understand that, after the public inquiries, if the Secretary of State is **not** minded to close the A344, my questions might seem 'academic'. On the other hand, if the A344 closure is sanctioned, English Heritage would wish to proceed as quickly as possible, and I am keen to obtain maximum information now, rather than attempting to make representations at a time when there might be some pressurization to 'rush things through'.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Hill