



Stonehenge Area Board – A303 Stonehenge tunnel update

The next stage of the process to help the Secretary of State for Transport look again at the A303 Stonehenge Tunnel planning or Development Consent Order (DCO) application has begun. This follows the successful legal challenge in July 2021 where the High Court ruled that the decision-making process that was followed was unlawful. This did not relate to the merits of the scheme or any of the information submitted by National Highways.

The renewed planning process commenced with the publication of what is known as a “Statement of Matters” letter by the Secretary of State for Transport published towards the end of 2021. In that, he invited National Highways to submit further information. People, organisations and interested parties are now able to respond on any points contained in this letter, and the National Highways response including updated environmental information. This can be found on the [Planning Inspectorate's website](#). This consultation ends on Monday 4 April.



There's lots more happening on other schemes on the A303 / A358 corridor. Construction work is continuing the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester scheme, where the main focus at the moment is about preparing for installation of a temporary bridge in the next couple of months. This bridge is important because it will be used to transport excavated earth, keeping construction traffic away from the main A303. Archaeological and environmental work is also ongoing. Meanwhile, the A358 Taunton to Southfields scheme, is still working through the feedback provided during last year's statutory consultation on the preliminary design. Thanks to anyone that took part in this process.

The update above was received from National Highways

Web: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/a303-stonehenge/>