



# A303 Stonehenge

Southern Wiltshire Area Board  
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## Why we need to upgrade the A303

Something needs to be done to help with on the ongoing problems, which include:

- Congestion**  

- Delayed journey times**  

- Rat running**  

- Low productivity**  




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### The current problems



26,000 vehicles travel past every day – one every 3 ½ seconds. Traffic is expected to increase by a further 25% over the next 20 years



The south west was the UK's most visited region in 2017, with more than 21 million domestic visitors (69% more than London). 72% of visitors to the south west come from outside of the region



The landscape is blighted by the constant noise and sight of traffic and the road – which cuts the WHS in two and directly affects almost ¾ of its scheduled monuments



Productivity across the south west is 24% below the national average



One village community is completely cut in two by the A303. Other communities are affected by rat running traffic trying to avoid congestion on the A303



Each year, on average, there are 15 people seriously injured in traffic collisions on the A303 near Stonehenge. 2/3 of the accidents happen within sight of the Stonehenge monument



### Economic growth

Tourism spending in the south west is £4.5bn



85% of UK visits to the south west come by car



Faster journeys will help boost the local and regional economy



## Our scheme objectives

**Transport:**  
Create a high quality reliable route between the south east and the south west that meets the future needs of traffic



**Economy:**  
Enable growth in jobs and housing by providing a free-flowing and reliable connection between the south east and the south west



**Heritage:**  
Help conserve and enhance the World Heritage Site and to make it easier to reach and explore

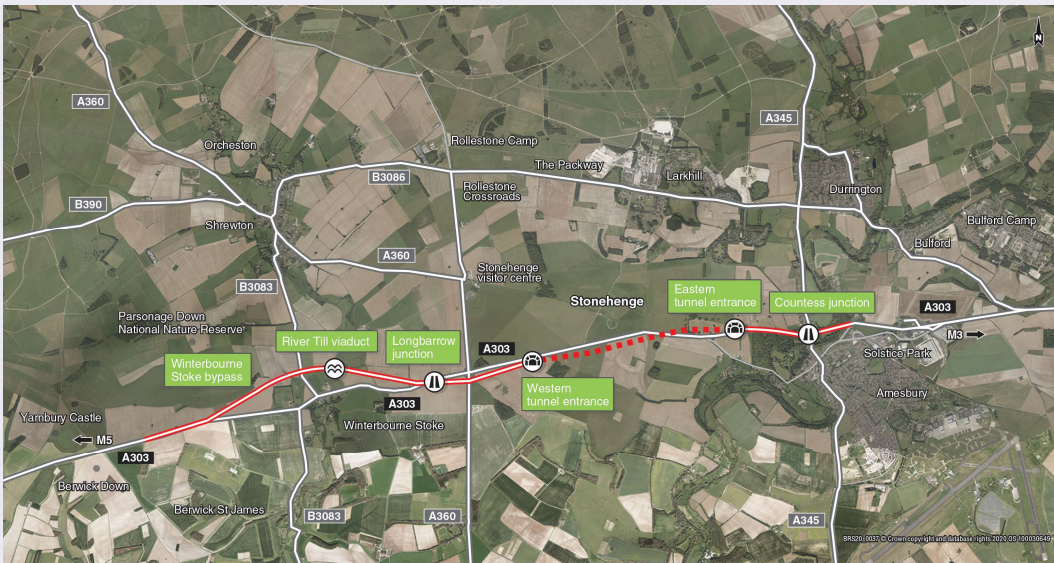


**Community and environment:**  
Improve biodiversity and provide a positive legacy for nearby communities

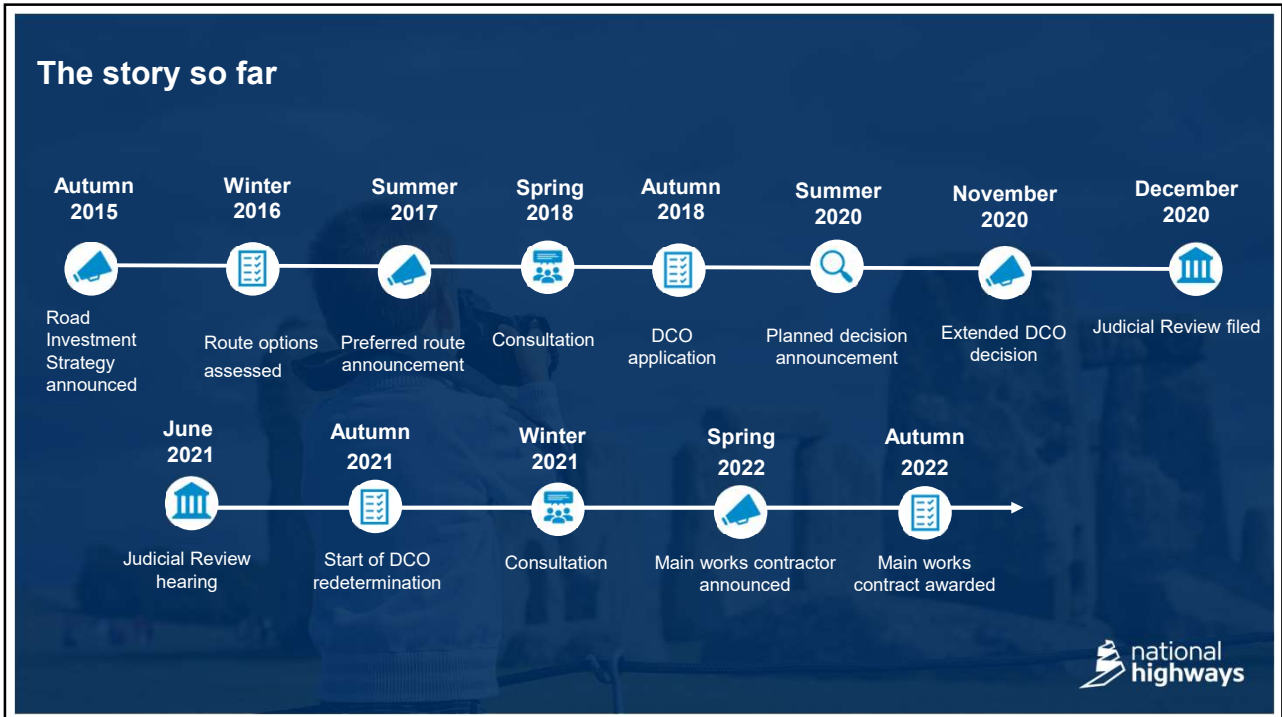


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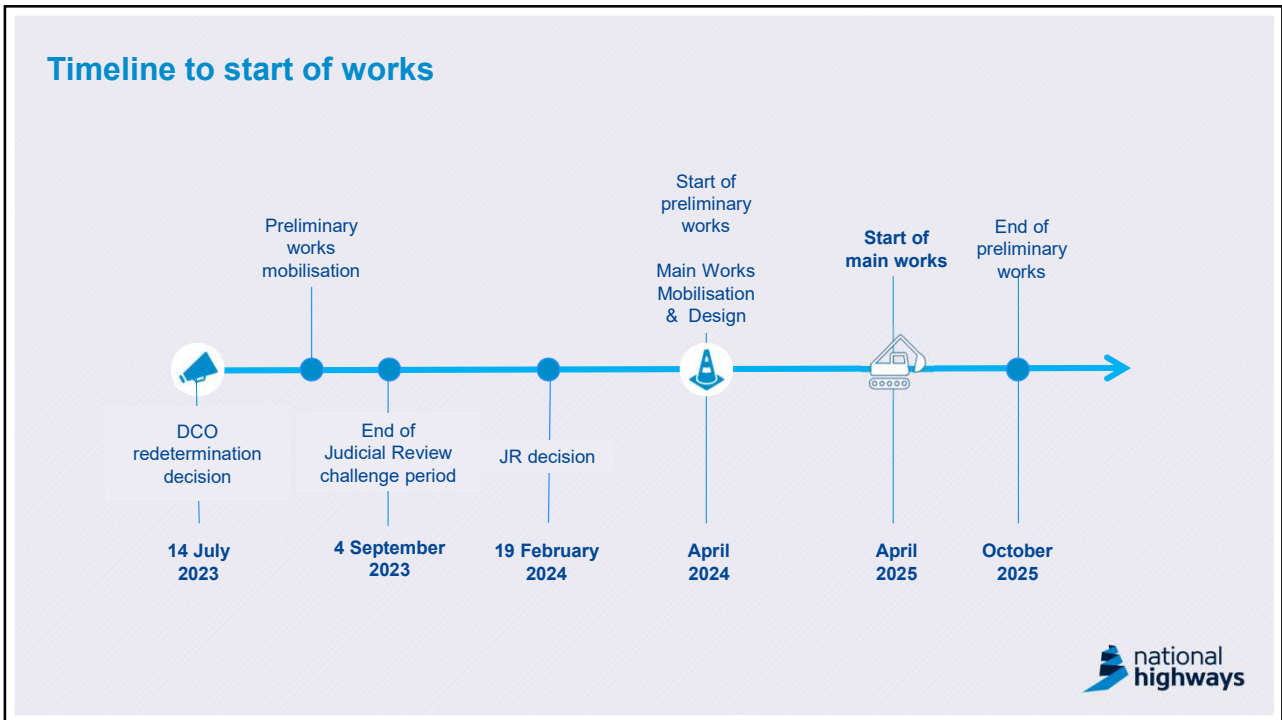
## Scheme overview map



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## Latest update

- Legal challenge from Save Stonehenge World Heritage Site was submitted. Included eight proposed grounds, with broad themes including:

Calls for a re-examination, and challenges around the making of the new DCO by redetermination

The claim that the Secretary of State has not considered the views of UNESCO

The claim that the Secretary of State failed to consider alternatives, referencing F010

Failure to meet legal and policy requirements re: climate change and carbon

- National Highways' response to the challenge submitted to the High Court on the 19 September 2023.
- High Court hearing held 12-14 December 2023.
- Positive outcome received 19 February - we now await conclusion of the legal proceedings before taking the next steps.



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## Planned A303 works

Summer 2024

- Ecological works at Parsonage Down
- Archaeological mitigation

Autumn 2024

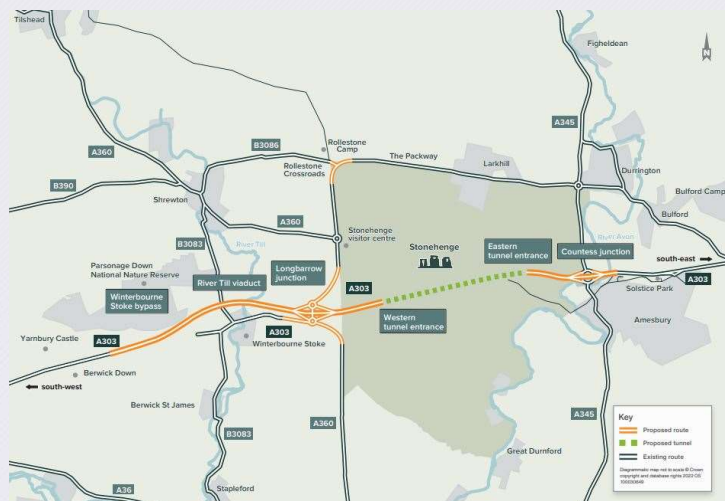
- Installation of water main in Till Valley
- Highway improvement works at:
  - Rollestone Crossroads
  - Allington Track
  - Equinox Drive

Summer 2025

- Highway improvement works to A3028 Double Hedges junction

Winter 2025

- Central barrier works on A303 near Solstice Park



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## Preliminary works overview

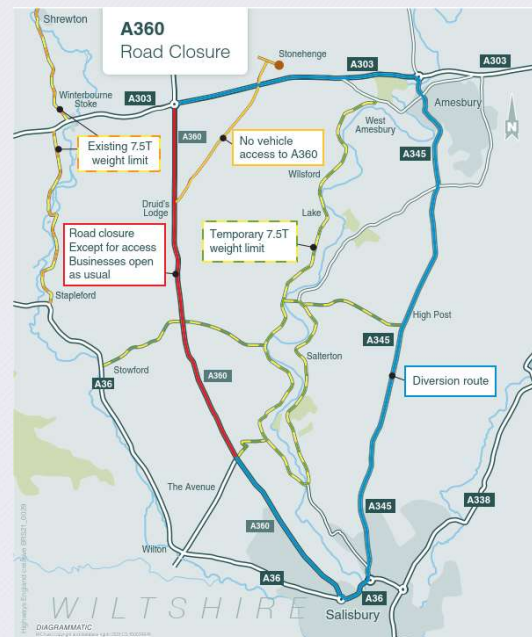
1. North of Winterbourne Stoke - ecology, archaeology, oil pipeline diversion
2. Till valley through to Longbarrow - ecology, archaeology, install water main, construct temporary substation.
3. East of Solstice Park – work to construct new link to replace Allington track, archaeology,
4. Rollestone corner – archaeology, reconfigure junction
5. Longbarrow south of A303 - archaeology



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## A360

- Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) will be carrying out essential works along the A360 to install high voltage cables to provide a power supply to the construction compound
- Temporary A360 closure from Longbarrow junction south towards The Avenue roundabout from mid-April to mid-July 2024
- A360 will remain open to residents and businesses
- Diversion route (via A345) and temporary weight limits; signage to inform road users
- Information website managed by SSEN will go live ahead of start of works
- Community engagement communications, including letter drops, face-to-face meetings, and central information/complaints line



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## Meet the Project Team

### Public Information Events

- **Saturday 9 March**, South Newton and Wishford Village Hall, Stoford, Salisbury, SP2 0PJ **between 10am and 4pm**
- **Monday 11 March**, Shrewton Village Hall, Recreation Ground, The Hollow, Shrewton, SP3 4JY **between 11am and 4pm**
- **Tuesday 12 March**, Durrington Village Hall, High Street Durrington, SP4 8AD **between 11am and 6pm**
- **Friday 15 March**, Antrobus House, Edmund Hall, 39 Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH **between 11am and 7pm**



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