

# AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

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**Meeting:** Amesbury Area Board  
**Place:** Durrington Village Hall, High St, Durrington SP4 4AD  
**Date:** Thursday 27 March 2014  
**Time:** 7.00 pm

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The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 19 March 2014.

Since publication an updated report and appendices have been made available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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## WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

AMESBURY AREA BOARD, 27 March 2014

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### A303 & Rat Running - Update

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To update the board on the actions taken on this matter since the 30 January 2014.

#### 2. Background

2.1 This has been a local priority for many years, but since recent escalation of rat running and congestion associated with the opening of the Stonehenge Visitor Centre, the board agreed to more aggressively pursue this matter since its meeting with community representatives in July 2013.

#### 3. Update

##### 3.1. Dual or Tunnel

John Glen MP was instrumental in securing a time for parliamentary debate on this topic on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The full script for the debate can be accessed via this [link](#). Essentially, MPs of constituencies affected by congestion on the A303 were of one voice in calling for action and investment in a scheme that would once and for all solve the issues on the A303.

Currently, a government feasibility study is looking into the options for improving matters on the A303. This is due to conclude at the end of this summer. However, the expectation is that no decisions will be taken this side of a general election, and in the context of there being less public funding available.

##### 3.2. Multi-Agency Meeting – 24 March 2014

The board met with representatives from the police, highways agency, affected parish councils, local interest groups, English Heritage, National Trust, Wiltshire Council Highways and Rights of Ways to discuss what was being done to minimise disruption and delays around the visitors' centre, particularly mindful of the looming spring holidays. Verbal update on the outcome of this meeting to be reported to the board on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

##### 3.3. Board's Meeting with the Highways Agency on the 31<sup>st</sup> January

Cllrs Noeken and Wright met with the Highways Agency earlier this year, specifically to discuss the concerns raised by local residents regarding the Countess Roundabout, i.e. traffic light calibration, yellow hatching.

This meeting has helped to establish a direct dialogue with key Highways Agency officers. Whilst yellow hatching is not something the Agency can agree for major trunk roads, now that traffic flows have normalised since the redesign of this roundabout, it will be carrying out a study to check the calibration of the signal controls, and the scope to add “give way”, “keep clear” and other appropriate signage.

Cllrs also asked HA officers to investigate the possibility of adding electronic signage onto the A303 (perhaps as far east as Andover) to indicate to traffic that congestion levels were low at Countess Roundabout, and so to minimise rat running.

### 3.4. Bund Idea.

Cllrs put forward a suggestion to English Heritage that a bund be built around the stones to minimise the slowing down of travellers on the A303 which is one of the contributors to congestion. The following response has been received:

*“Some have proposed that the existing A303 should be shielded from Stonehenge by some form of wall, fence, bund or band of trees. These proposals would not be consistent with national and local plans and policies, and would do nothing to screen the A303 as it climbs King Barrow Ridge in line with Stonehenge. Such mitigation would conflict with the World Heritage Site Management Plan’s aim to return the area to open downland, and would, in itself, form an intrusive feature alien to the chalk downland landscape character.” Reiterated from an earlier report.*

### 3.5. Speed concerns in villages affected by this traffic

*Larkhill* – the local councillor is working with the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) and the Traffic Engineer to identify the most suitable measures that will reduce traffic speeds on The Packway.

*Shrewton* – Speed Indicator Devices have been allocated to the A360 and B3086

*Winterbourne Stoke A303 and Stapleford A36* – these being Highways Agency roads the CATG is pursuing an agreement with the HA for the positioning of SIDs on these routes.

### 3.6. Traffic Flow Monitoring on Routes Surrounding the A303 Stonehenge Visitor Site

A survey will be undertaken using automatic number plate cameras at the locations shown on the map at Appendix 1 (with more detailed road references at Appendix 2) during March and August. The cameras now cover the B390 to record traffic to and from the Chitterne direction, and the A360 cameras moved to cover Orcheston. These surveys are to identify routes used through the area, with a view to establishing the degree of re-routing from the A303, its correlation with route delays and local impacts. The intended dates for surveys are 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August.

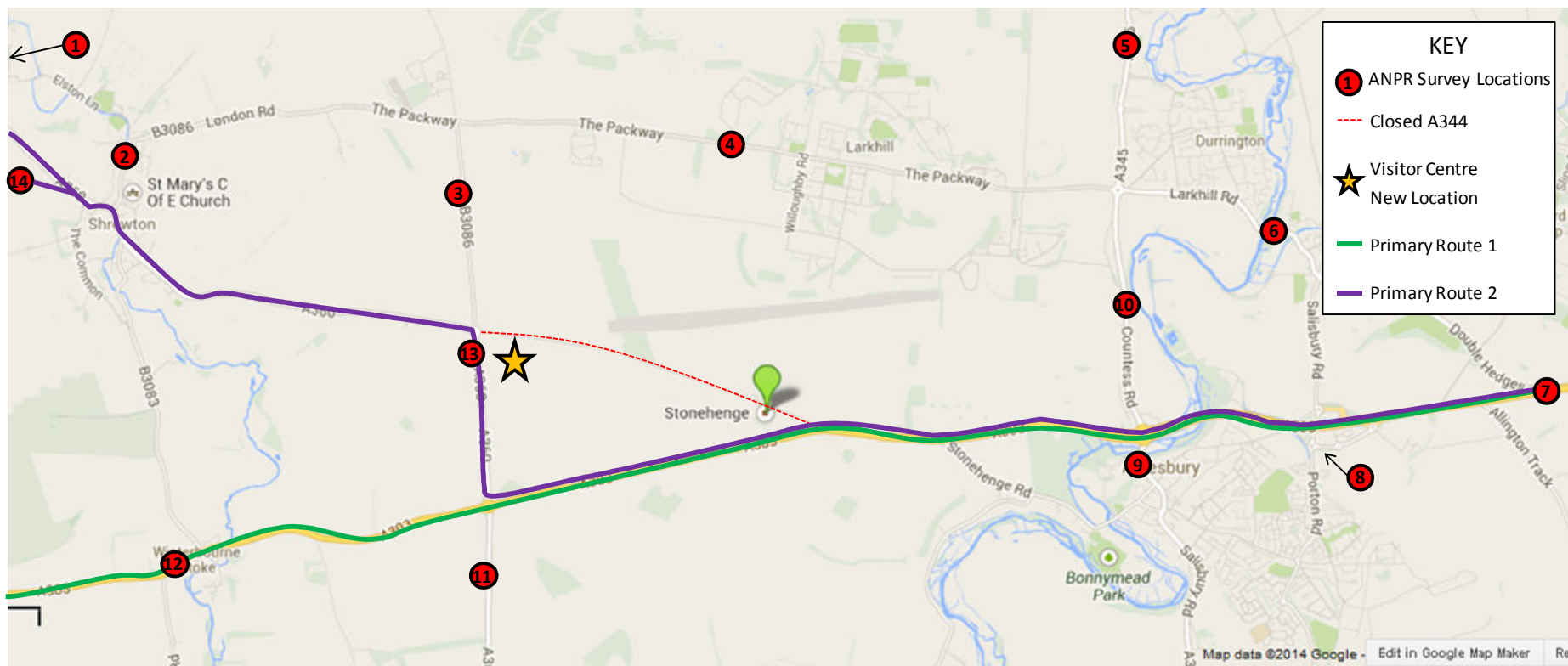
Officers have been working with consultants White Young Green, acting for the DIO, who have undertaken surveys at 29 stations between the east of Andover and Deptford, on the A303 and roads north and south in connection with rebasing proposals. These surveys are principally to establish traffic flows and turning movements at specific junctions on local roads where impacts could be material as a result of the additional housing requirements.

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## Appendix A – Survey Locations



### Notes:

- The location for Site 1 is on the A360, to the north west of the junction with Elston Lane. Combined with Site 2 this will allow for routings via Orcheston to be established.
- Sites 7 and 12 are located on the A303 trunk road, with exact camera sites requiring agreement from the Highways Agency.
- Site 13 will be located at the Stonehenge Visitor Centre entrance.





Table 3 – Survey Locations

Site	Direction	Street furniture	Reference No.	Direction	Street Furniture	Reference No.	Comments
1 A360 north of Elston Lane, Shrewton	NB	NSL/50mph signs	-	SB	NSL/50mph signs	-	50mph Roundel present SB at this location
2 B3086 High Street, Shrewton	NB	Lighting column	13	SB	School Patrol sign	12A	Locate within highway boundary
3 B3086 south of Rollestone Camp	NB	NSL sign	WO337432-5 (D670/1)	SB	NSL sign	WO337432-5 (D670/1)	Signs are on opposite sides of road
4 The Packway, west of Larkhill	WB	30mph sign	-	EB	30mph sign	-	Signs are on opposite sides of road
5 A345, Netheravon Road	NB	Bend warning sign	W1/11/90	SB	40mph sign (S of cemetery parking)	IT7/138	Near cemetery & cemetery parking area
6 A3028 High Street, Bulford	WB	Chevron sign west of bridge	-	EB	Lighting column	Road 0002 Col 19	
7 A303 east of Double Hedges	On overbridge between Double Hedges and A338 junction, accessible via unclassified road from A338 junction. <b>Use overview count camera instead of ATC at this location.</b>						
8 Solstice Park Avenue	WB	Main roundabout direction sign	WO339193-8 (ref 10)	EB	40mph sign	J600580 H764	Do not use private roundabout signs for services
9 A345 Countess Road (south of A303)	NB	Main Countess direction sign	WO330412-22 (D14)	SB	Lighting column	Road.6; Col 4	Alternative NB: Lighting column 8
10 A345 Countess Road (north of A303)	NB	30/50mph signs	Road 0006; Col 81	SB	30/50mph signs	Road 0006; Col 82	At Amesbury town northern entry
11 A360 south of A303 Roundabout	NB	Clearway sign	-	SB	Clearway sign	WO32554/1 (ref 642)	
12 A303 High Street, west of Winterbourne Stoke	WB	40mph signs / lamp column	3325	EB	3324	40mph signs / lamp column	Short lamp columns at western edge of village. <b>Use overview count camera at this location.</b>
13 Stonehenge Visitor Centre entrance	Inbound	Parking direction / 40mph sign	J12201861-02	Outbound	Lighting column	Road 0002; col 1	Do not locate on private land to east of gate
14 B390 Chitterne Road	WB	Chevron sign	RW0702 (etched)	EB	Directional sign approaching junction with A360	W0702	



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