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**REFERENCE:** HT-047-11

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**HT-047-11 - STONEHENGE WORLD HERITAGE SITE - TRAFFIC  
REGULATION ORDER**

**Purpose of Report**

To:

- (i) Consider the Inspector's Report and Recommendation dated 16 November 2011 (attached as **Appendix 1**) following the non statutory Inquiry which took place on 20 September 2011 and was closed on 4 October 2011, along with all the objections received by the Council under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure ) Regulations 1996 ('The Regulations') and not withdrawn and to consider whether or not to make a Traffic Regulation Order ('TRO') as advertised on 21 January 2010 or whether to make an Order in part either as modified as recommended by the Inspector or modified in some other way.

**Consultation**

A pre-consultation took place in autumn 2009 with the formal consultation taking place between 21 January and 15 February 2010. The Council agreed to forward the responses to the pre-consultation to the consultation which took place on 21 January 2010. A number of responses were also received by the Council after the formal consultation period but prior to 22 June 2011 and these responses were included in the public inquiry Core Documents. A copy of the objections received by the Council and not withdrawn are attached as **Appendix 2**.

**Options Considered**

To:

- (i) Not make any TRO.
- (ii) Make the TRO as originally advertised on 21 January 2010.
- (iii) Consider making a modified Order by either adopting the Inspector's report and recommendations as set out in his report dated 16 November 2011 or making other changes to the Order and
- (iv) If minded to make a modified Order, to consider whether it appeared that there would be a substantial change in the Order in making the modifications and

- (v) If it is considered that there would be no substantial change in the Order, to make the modified Order, or
- (vi) If it appeared that there would be a substantial change to defer the decision to allow the Council to carry out the steps required by Regulation 14(4).

### **Reason for Decision**

The Council as a key stakeholder to the WHS Management Plan proposed that a Traffic Regulation Order be made to reduce vehicular traffic within the WHS and an Order was sought on the grounds that an Order would improve the amenities of the area in which the highways were situated and known as the Stonehenge WHS. Objections were received and an independent Inspector was appointed to hear and evaluate the evidence of supporters, objectors and the Council as the Order making authority at a non-statutory Inquiry. The Inspector recommended that a modified Order should be made to apply in part to the A344 (part) only. If the Order making authority make the order in part, the vehicular traffic on the A344 will be significantly reduced and the amenities of the area through which the A344 (part) runs will be significantly improved.

### **DECISION MADE**

I approve that the Council having considered:

- (i) the Inspector's report and recommendations and the objections received and not withdrawn and having consulted with officers is minded to make a modified Order in part;
- (ii) that in its opinion there would be no substantial change in the Order if the Inspector's recommendations as contained in his report and recommendation are adopted.

The Council therefore proposes to make the Order in part to apply to the A344 (part) from the Airman's Corner junction eastwards for a distance of approximately 130 metres (Schedule 1) and from a point approximately 130 metres east of the Airman's corner junction to its junction with Amesbury (BOAT) 12 (Schedule 2).

**This decision was published on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 and will come into force on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2012.**

### **The following supporting documents are attached:**

HT-047-011 Stonehenge World Heritage Site - Traffic Regulation Order report  
HT-047-11 - Stonehenge World Heritage Site - Traffic Regulation Order App1  
HT-047-11 - Stonehenge World Heritage Site - Traffic Regulation Order App2A  
HT-047-11 - Stonehenge World Heritage Site - Traffic Regulation Order App2B  
HT-047-11 - Stonehenge World Heritage Site - Traffic Regulation Order App2C

- HT-047-11 - Stonehenge World Heritage Site - Traffic Regulation Order App2D
- HT-047-11 - Stonehenge World Heritage Site - Traffic Regulation Order App2E
- HT-047-11 - Stonehenge World Heritage Site - Traffic Regulation Order App3 part 1
- HT-047-11 - Stonehenge World Heritage Site - Traffic Regulation Order App3 part 2
- HT-047-11 - Stonehenge World Heritage Site - Traffic Regulation Order App3 part 3

Date: .....20<sup>th</sup> December 2011.....

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