

Gibbons, Frances

From: Logan, Kate
Sent: 16 December 2018 22:21
To: Reed, Tracey
Subject: RE: GE 5149: A303 Enquiry BLICK MEAD WILTSHIRE VANDALISM BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND CONTRACTORS

Hi Tracey,

Unfortunately [redacted] has got the wrong end of the stick due to false press claims. I can confirm that there hasn't been any vandalism by contractors at Blick Mead – they are carrying out assessments that have been requested by the archaeologists working at Blick Mead. However, I don't think we should get in to a debate with [redacted] this one as it's nothing to do with us.

I would suggest that Historic England let Phil McMahon know about this email and respond to saying that the A303 scheme is run by Highways England and all complaints regarding works associated to the scheme should be directed to Highways England who should be able to find an appropriate person to deal with this issue.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Kate

Kate Davies | Stonehenge Director

From: Reed, Tracey
Sent: 14 December 2018 17:56
To: Davies, Kate
Subject: Fwd: GE 5149: A303 Enquiry BLICK MEAD WILTSHIRE VANDALISM BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND CONTRACTORS

Kate
How should we respond?
Tracey

Sent from my iPhone

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From:
Date: 14 December 2018 at 16:53:02 GMT
To:
Cc:

Subject: FW: GE 5149: A303 Enquiry BLICK MEAD WILTSHIRE VANDALISM BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND CONTRACTORS

Reply-To:

Dear Ms Amos

I was referred to you regarding my search for an Inspector of monuments regarding contractor damage to a monument.

I am a consultee of the above major project and will be registering for the ongoing Planning Inspectorate Examination process.

Can you please inform me to whom we address a complaint of negligence in respect of the recent vandalism by contractors ramming into the unique prehistoric and highly sensitive monument at Blick Mead, Nr Stonehenge, Wiltshire, a blue coloured water sampling boring pipe?

It has been a difficult search to find who is actually monitoring these contractors and it is evidently not Wiltshire Council, Highways England, English Heritage nor yourselves or this would not have happened.

The Environment Agency kindly referred to both yourselves and the Developer being Highways England in the email attached today, perhaps one of you could respond please.

If this is what the level of competency is like before even the groundworks begin, nobody can have any confidence in the quality of monitoring by the appropriate agency and I have duly informed the Planning Inspectorate case manager.

Please bear in mind that my own confidence in English Heritage in house surveyors failed to remain intact when they allowed asbestos contaminated soil onto the WHS when re grassing the A344 beside the actual Stonehenge monument and the Environment Agency kindly investigated that incident too!

Your confirmation as to whether it is yourself or another department that will deal with Complaints re the damage to Blick Mead would be appreciated as soon as possible.

With best regards

From: Sustainable Places,
Sent: 14 December 2018 13:42
To:
Cc: Wessex Enquiries
Subject: GE 5149: A303 Enquiry

Dear
Following our discussion I can confirm the following:

A303 Highways England Contact

Highways England have advised that the A303 Stonehenge primary contact point is xxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx. They have advised us that this mail box will be monitored and is where queries should be directed.

Heritage Crime

As discussed in regards to the matters relating to heritage crime the Historic England website confirms that this should fall within the remit of Wiltshire Council <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/caring-for-heritage/heritage-crime/report/>

Low flow issues

Finally, in regards to the lack of flows in Winterborne Stoke. We are not aware of any abstractions associated with the A303 project that would be impacting on the flows re-emerging. It is considered that the prevailing weather conditions this year, with a particularly dry summer and autumn, would be the major driver to slowing the emergence of the river in the village.

For your information there were some small scale pump testing associated with this scheme, in the summer, but due to the distance from the River Till, duration of the tests and volumes abstracted, these tests would not have had any observable impact on flow in the river through Winterbourne Stoke.

Any abstraction that may be required for future works relating to the scheme will be subject to the same licensing strategy that we apply to all applications for abstraction licences. This is a robust process that ensures the requirements of the environment and existing water users are adequately protected.

If you require any further information / clarification then please contact our Communications and Engagement team at WessexEnquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

MICHAEL HOLM
Planning Advisor - Sustainable Places

Planning Advisor for Dorset and South Somerset

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