

Minutes

A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down

Title:			
Date:	13 July 2016	Time:	10:00 – 14:00
		Location:	Holiday Inn, Amesbury SP4 7SQ
Abbreviations	Arup Atkins Joint Venture – AAJV Environmental Agency – EA Highways England – HE Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service – DWFire Wiltshire Police -Neighbourhood Policing Team Amesbury/Tidworth – WP South West Ambulance Service - SWASFT		
Attendees:	Allan Creedy (Wiltshire Council) Gus Cuthbert (DWFire) Joanne Heal (Wiltshire Council) David Tippetts (WP) Andrew Alcorn (HE) Peter Woodburn (AAJV) Tony Aloysius (HE) David Stening (AAJV) Mark Arberry (HE) Kevin Roberts (AAJV) Katherine Burt (EA) ohammad Tabarra (AAJV) Andy Bremford (EA) G ry Clark (AAJV) Giles Bryan (EA) Keit Meeks (AAJV) He-in ng (AAJV)		
Apologies:	Clare Langshaw (SWASFT) Wayne Darch (SWASFT) John Aldridge (DWFire) In pector Sparrow (Wiltshire Police)		
Chair:	Andrew Alcorn (HE)		
Circulation:	Attendees + Apolog s		
Meeting objective(s):	To introduce key keholder h an interest in the future safe operation of the unnel t the outline of the scheme; for discussion with the pro oter (High ays En land) and their designer (Arup-Atkins JV)		

DISCUSSION POINTS		
No.	Item	Action (By whom, by when)
1.	Introductions	
2.	Safety Moment Mind your back when working in the office. Pay special attention to your posture when sitting at your desk or PC; it can save you much pain and time in the long run.	
3.	Scheme overview Key dates Early 2017: Public Consultation Mid 2017: Selection of a “preferred route” Late 2017: Pre-application Consultation Mid 2018: Development Consent Order (DCO) application Mid 2019: Secretary of State decision (Land acquisitions within 3 months post-decision). Early 2020 - Construction begins 2023 (approx.)– Tunnel opens	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic: Working assumption is ~ 40,000 vehicles/day sum of both directions. Gus Cuthbert (DWFire) recalled higher figures quoted in 2002/03. Traffic studies show a decline in vehicle numbers. Traffic forecast models are currently being re-evaluated. Performance target for tunnel is achieve "Expressway" standard of service with equivalent level of safety. - BD 78: Current UK standard is BD78/99 (1999). Tony Aloysius (HE) recommended considering the revised edition BD78/15 (2015). This is still in DRAFT format, date of publishing still uncertain. Highways England to share the draft with the TDSCG. 	<p>AAJV</p> <p>HE</p>
4.	<p>TDSCG Terms of Reference</p> <p>Reference to contra-flow to be removed from the mis i statement as the requirement for contra-flow op tion du g maintenance is still to be determined.</p> <p>TDSCG input will be required from design stage throu h construction phase and early stages of o erati ToR I reflect this.</p> <p>TDSCG role was clarified as undert king re ew and advice outside the formal approvals proc ss.</p> <p>Minutes of meetings and decision of TDSCG will be in the public domain and may be hared ith oth stakeholders.</p> <p>In the future, do ments for TD CG Me tings will be shared with the group a we before the mee ng.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limits of interes <p>It was agreed that wh the sc e of TDSCG review is limited to the tunnel, portal to port a issues related to adjacent road network & junctions, specif cally arising from the presence of the tunnel, will need to be considered.</p> <p>Comments on the current draft of the Terms of Reference to be sent to Peter Woodburn (AAJV) by 21.07.16.</p>	<p>AAJV</p> <p>TDSCG by 21.07.16</p>
5.	<p>Safety considerations for the A303 tunnel option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety principles <p>A key safety principle is that the tunnel is to operate as a self-rescue facility with the tunnel being provided with systems to instigate, facilitate, and manage self-rescue.</p> <p>Design criteria and the approach to tunnel safety design, particularly with regards fire safety, are under development. The AAJV is keen to liaise with the Fire Service from an early stage to seek their input. The AAJV will instigate sub-TDSCG meeting(s) with the Fire Service for this purpose.</p>	<p>AAJV</p>

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	<p>The phosphatic chalk found at this site is quite rare - only at three sites in Europe.</p> <p>- CDM:</p> <p>AAJV is to provide a solution that is buildable in a safe manner and can be maintained safely. How the construction will be managed is still to be decided, but this will be the responsibility of the contractor.</p> <p>AAJV is looking at dewatering effect as part of the tunnelling method investigation.</p> <p>Environmental assessment will be issued in Autumn 2016.</p> <p>AAJV is looking at previous projects and learning lessons from Lower Thames Crossing, Silvertown tunnel, and Hindhead tunnel.</p> <p>Gus Cuthbert (DWFire) explained that the Fire Service sometimes sets up "Primary Fire Service", to act as a centre of expertise for particular things and that this may be appropriate for road tunnels. Such a 'Service' may then give advice on fire safety as it relates specifically to tunnels so that the local Services may draw on that expertise. To be investigated further by DWFire and the Project</p>	<p>AAJV</p> <p>AAJV</p> <p>AAJV + DWFire</p>
6.	<p>Confirmation of TDSCG membership</p> <p>Other stakeholder organisations and key individuals may be invited to join the TDSCG.</p> <p>Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for Wiltshire will be added to TDSCG. Toria Thomas (AAJV) Principal Designer for A303 scheme will also be invited to future meetings.</p> <p>Military representatives will be consulted but will not be invited to join the TDSCG at this point.</p> <p>Note there is a higher-level stakeholder group, the Stakeholders Strategy Board, consisting of Highways England, English Heritage, National Trust and Somerset & Devon.</p>	<p>TDSCG</p> <p>AAJV</p>
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>AAJV to review the need for input from recovery services.</p>	<p>AAJV</p>
8.	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p>Date TBC; Oct/Nov 2016 before Public Consultation (Jan 2017)</p> <p>Same location and same time.</p> <p>Sub-meeting between AAJV and DWFire is to be arranged before the next meeting specifically on issues of fire safety design criteria and approach.</p>	<p>AAJV</p> <p>AAJV</p>

NEXT MEETING

Date: TBC **Time:** TBC **Location:** TBC