

HAD AGM 2021

Stonehenge update



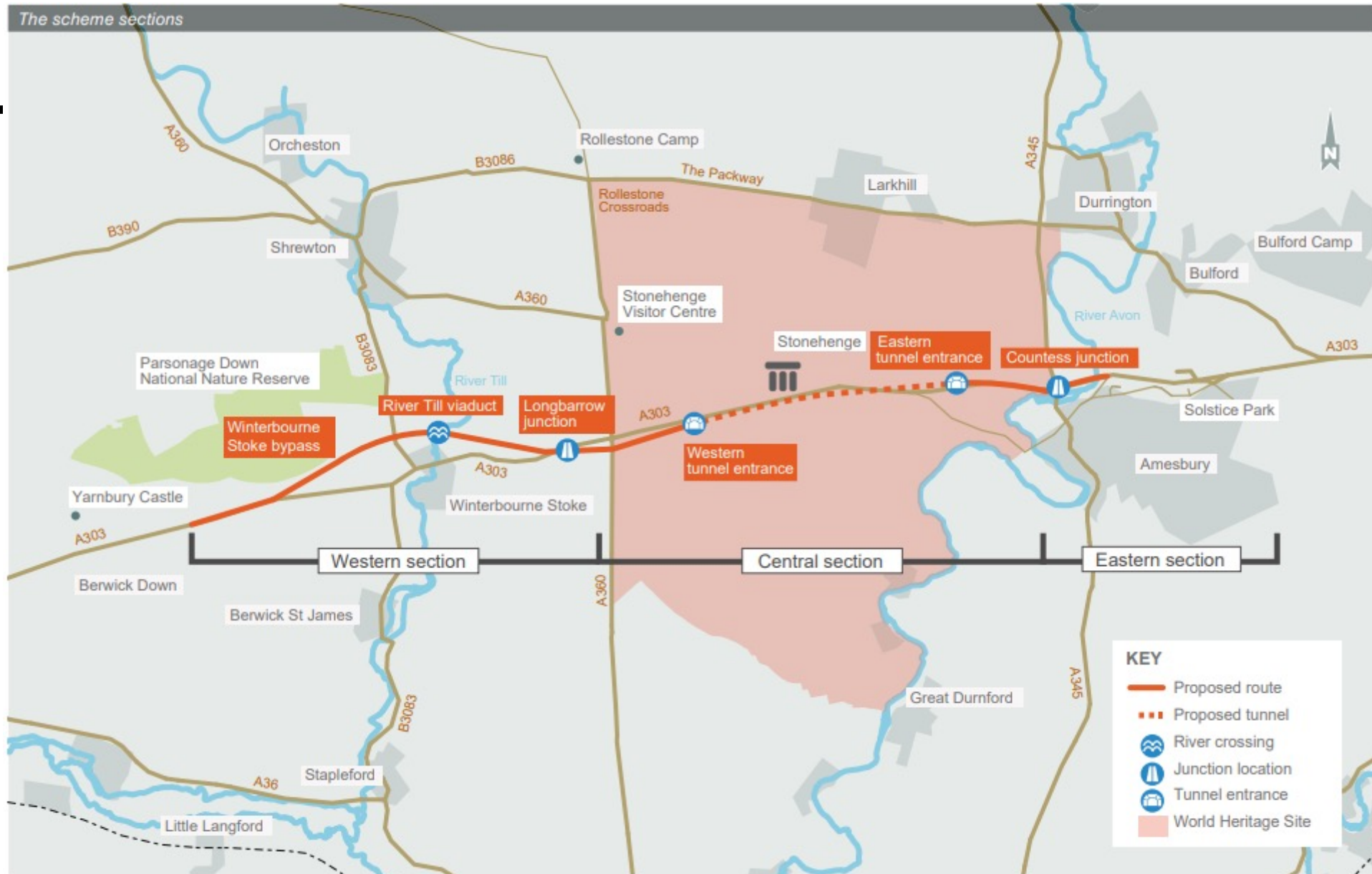
Timeline of current proposals

- 2013 - A303 feasibility study announced
- 2014 - Scheme included in the Roads Investment Strategy
- 2017 September - Announcement of preferred route
- 2018 February 8 to April 23 - Statutory consultation on proposed scheme
- 2018 November 16 - Planning application accepted by Planning Inspectorate
- 2019 April 2 - Examining Authority's Preliminary Meeting
- 2020 January 2 - Examining Authority's Report and Recommendation sent to Secretary of State for Transport

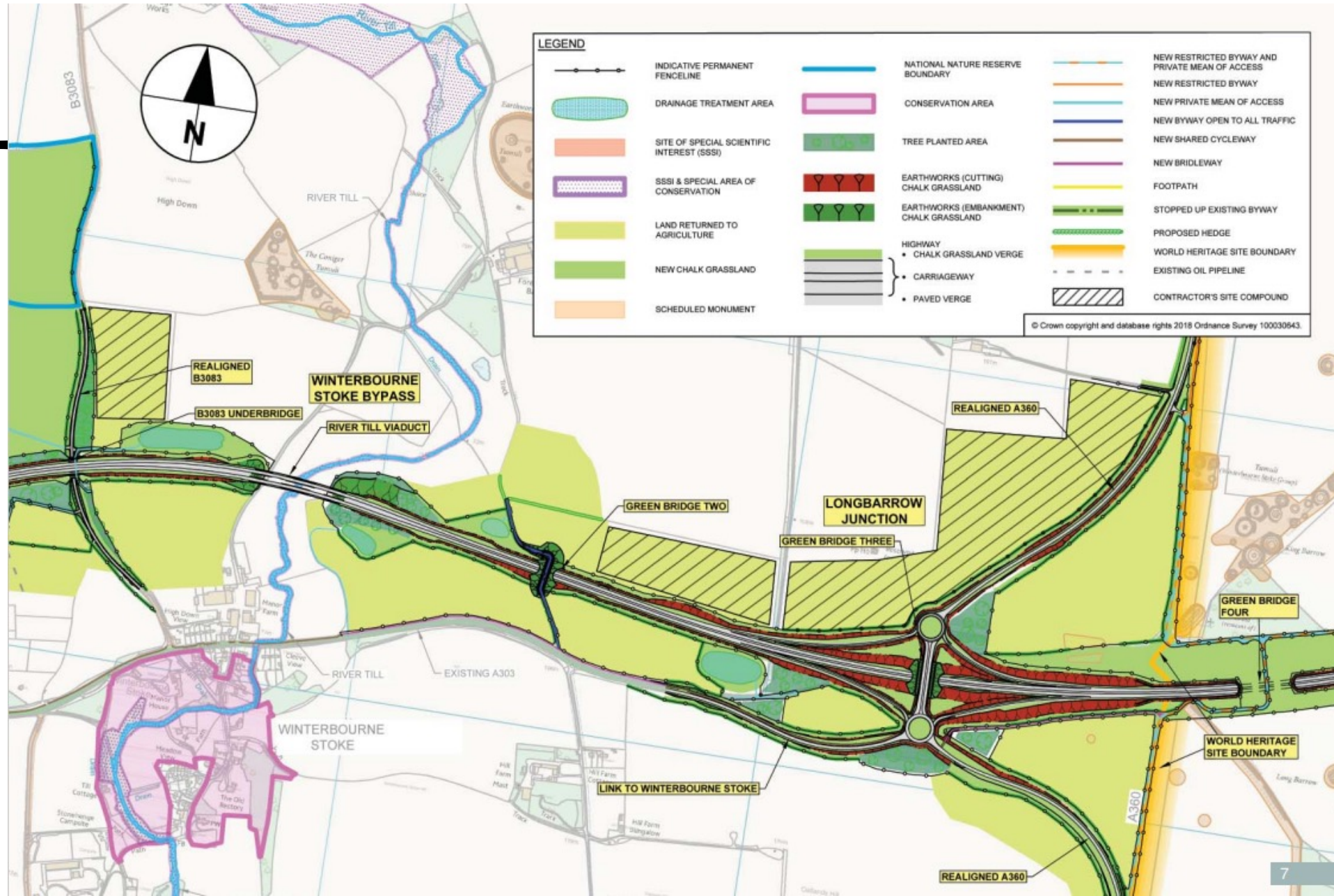
2020 Timeline

- 2020 March 11 - Chancellor funds Stonehenge scheme
- 2020 - 29 April - Transport Secretary announced Decision delayed
- 2020 May 21 - Reports in media that completion of work on A303 Stonehenge will be delayed until 2022
- 2020 July 17 - Decision by Transport Secretary delayed following significant archaeological finds
- 2020 November 12 - Recommendation against the scheme by Planning Inspectorate
- 2020 November 12 - Transport Secretary gives scheme green light
- 30 November 2020 - Save Stonehenge WHS launch legal challenge

Current Plan



Western Portal



Archaeology and ancestors

- June 2020 Blick Mead and Durrington Walls late Neolithic pit structures discoveries [A Massive, Late Neolithic Pit Structure associated with Durrington Walls Henge. Internet Archaeology 55. \(intarch.ac.uk\)](#)
- 2020 June 25-26 - Stonehenge Alliance and a Consortium of specialist archaeologists write to Secretary of State for Transport about implications of major new archaeological find in WHS
- 2020 October 22 - Wessex Archaeology announced as preliminary works contractors
- 2021 February 4 - Bronze Age graves discovered at Western Portal of tunnel

Recent discoveries

Archaeologists have made intriguing discoveries during early explorations of proposed Stonehenge tunnel site



- 1** Late bronze age vessel found south of Longbarrow Crossroads
- 2** Traces of C-shaped earth enclosure identified
- 3** Late neolithic objects including grooved ware pottery, a flint and red deer antlers
- 4** Beaker-period burial pit with human remains and unusual cylindrical shale object

- 5** Another Beaker-period burial pit containing a child's ear bones and a simple pot
- 6** Waste material from production of flint tools and ditches, possibly iron age
- 7** Ditches that may be associated with Vespasian's Camp, an iron age hill fort to the south

Protests



Sacred Earth Activism entered the Temple on 5th December 2020 at noon.

Led by Christa McKinnon and Jonathan Weekes

They have approached HAD to support their campaign



[Sacred Earth Activism](#)

Other views

- In totality, it does not consider that substantial public benefit would result from the Proposed Development.

National Infrastructure Planning 75.21 2nd January 2020 [TR010025-002181-STON - Final Recommendation Report.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#)

- Urges the State Party to continue to pursue design solutions which reduce further the impact on the cultural landscape and OUV of the property through longer tunnel sections, so that the western portal is located outside the property boundary

UNESCO Decision : 43 COM 7B.95 2019 [UNESCO World Heritage Centre - State of Conservation \(SOC 2019\) Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites \(United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland\)](#)

- In pure economic terms, because of the high cost of building a tunnel, the Amesbury to Berwick Down project, at £1.15 of quantified benefit for every £1 spent, has a significantly lower benefit-cost ratio than is usual in road schemes.

National Audit Office 20th May 2019 [Improving the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down - National Audit Office \(NAO\) Report](#)