

## Public Interest Test

<b>Request for the total amount (£) paid to date (26/09/2024) to the contract holder under the contract for contracts being closed due to the cancellation of the A303 Stonehenge (Amesbury to Berwick Down) project</b>	
<b>Exemption – Section 43(2) for prejudice of commercial interests</b>	
<b>Factors supporting disclosure</b>	<b>Factors supporting non-disclosure</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is public interest in the work of government being closely examined to encourage the discharging of public functions in the most efficient and effective way;</li><li>• There is public interest in the work of public bodies being transparent and open to scrutiny;</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Highways is currently in the process of terminating the contracts and working through final accounts, the likelihood of any figures we provide now changing over the next few months is high.</li><li>• We would not wish to provide the current spend on individual contracts at this time as it may have an impact upon future discussions regarding closure of contracts and harm our ability to protect the public purse.</li></ul>
<b>Conclusion: there are compelling arguments which support withholding the information which outweigh those supporting release.</b>	
<b>Date of PIT: 21 October 2024</b>	