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Dear Sirs,

**Written representation - Objection TR010025 - A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down – Registration number 20020867**

I write in my capacity as chairman of the board of trustees of the Amesbury Museum and Heritage Trust, a charity whose objects include “the preservation of building or sites of historical or architectural importance”. The charitable trust operates within the landscape in which Stonehenge and the World Heritage Site sits, and within the strict guidance and rules of the Charity Commission.

The Trust has a number of concerns about information relayed to the public within the consultation periods.

The Trust has concerns about the management of the schedule planned for public meetings with UNESCO and ICOMOS representatives.

The Trust has concerns about the scheme, in that any application to alter the landscape, build on, or utilise the land gifted to facilitate such major infrastructure scheme must be with the public consent and in the public interest in accordance with restricted covenant’s made in the gift of Stonehenge (referring the conveyance of the sale of the land to the Chubb’s in 1915).

The Trust considers that an alternative solution to the proposed tunnel exists, being a southern bypass and that this has not been offered as an alternative at consultation.

The Trust remains very concerned about the adverse impact the tunnel portals and infrastructure will have on the archaeologically rich landscape.

The Trust has concerns about Highways England’s surveys at Blick Mead and land at the western end of the World Heritage Site .

The Trust has concerns in relation to the Habitats Directive.

The Trust is concerned that the scheme infringes the spirit in which Stonehenge was gifted to the nation by the Chubb family in 1918. The Trust believes that having been stipulated in the



conditions imposed by Cecil and Mary Chubb in their Deed of Gift to the nation 26 October 1918 that:

1. First that the public shall have free access to the premises hereby conveyed and Every part thereof on the payment of such reasonable sum per head not exceeding one shilling for each visit and subject to such conditions as the Commissioners of Works in the exercise and execution of their statutory powers and duties may from time to time impose
2. Secondly that the premises shall so far as possible maintained in their present condition
3. Thirdly that no building or erection other than a pay box similar to the Pay Box now standing on the premises shall be erected on any part of the premises within four hundred yards of The Milestone marked "Amesbury 2" on the northern frontage of the premises
4. Fourthly that the commissioners of works will at all times save harmless and keep indemnified the donors and each of them, their and each of their estates and effects from and against all proceedings costs claims and expenses on account of any breach or non-observance of the covenants by the donor to the like or similar effect contained in the conveyance of the premises to the donors dated the 31st day of December 1915

At the opening procedural meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> I raised a question on behalf of the Trust and the public, which related to the lack of transparency regarding the deeds of Stonehenge, in particular in relation to the 4<sup>th</sup> condition of the deed of gift.

I asked if the planning inspectorate were in possession of the deeds from Highways England, if not why not and if they were, how the matter of the restrictive covenants would therein be dealt with, in the public interest.

At the meeting the Highways England QC appeared unprepared and sought time to respond and was granted until the 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

To date, we have not yet seen any response or heard how the restrictive covenants in the Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1915 deeds will be addressed.

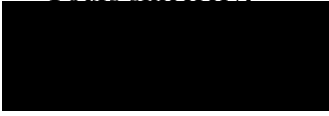
I wish to raise this matter again and point out that when the dual carriageway was built in the 1960's, the restrictive covenants were adhered to. You will note that the current dual carriageway stops well short of the 400 yard exclusion zone set out in the deed of gift. It is the covenants that lie within the 1915 conveyance and deeds that need satisfying.

There is also clearly an intent and expectation by the Chubb's that the then existing public's free view of the monument from the main road would be maintained in that present condition.

For the reasons above, the Amesbury Museum and Heritage Trust, objects to the proposed scheme to build a tunnel and duel the A303 at Stonehenge.



Yours sincerely,



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Chairman of the Amesbury Museum and Heritage Trust