

TRIPLE SIGHT

My name is Arthur Pendragon, I am one of the better known, of, perhaps no more than a handful of senior Druids, who represent the wider Pagan and Druid community, and those who gather at Stonehenge.

There is much we agree with in the evidence and opinion put forward by the Trials Riders Fellowship and The Stonehenge Alliance, and we stand with them. We have however, very specific issues of our own.

These issues relate to the proposed scheme and how it could and would negatively impact on the practicing of our faith in and around the environs of Stonehenge.

Our first concern is about the possibility of light pollution from the Western Portal and how it might effect the view from Stonehenge, of the setting Sun at the Winter Solstice, one of the alignments which Stonehenge was built around and significant in our faith, for us to witness on an anual basis.

We are also very concerned about the close proximity of the Western Portal and works to the Burial Mounds, and how this would adversely effect the Sacredness and integrity of the World Heritage site.

To the East we have many of the same concerns as The Blickmead group and feel the portal and works are far to close to known and as yet undiscovered, Archaeology and any possible resting place of ancient Human remains, whom we refer to, as our collective Ancestors.

As well as these concerns we have magor reservations about our future ability to gather at Stonehenge for Solstice and Equinox in the way we have since the late eighties and four times a year since the full seasonal gatherings were reinstated from the Summer of 2000.

The various Authorities concerned leave it unclear as to how this scheme may effect the current 'Rights of way' and any possible changes to the positioning of The By-ways Open to All Traffic that we use for the purpose of gathering in order to practice our seasonal observances. Leaving us to conclude that our seasonal

gatherings have not been given the consideration that they merit within the scope of Articles 9,10,11, and 14 of The Human Rights Act.

Finally, we are seeking reassurances that any ancient human remains unearthed along the route or in 'works' should be (after a reasonable period of study) re-interred as close as possible to what should have been their final resting place.

It is important within our belief structure that we are able to relate and in doing so commune with the Ancestral Spirits in-situ, that we believe inhabit this most Sacred Landscape. It is this very Sacredness that is in part responsible for the recognition that the Stonehenge World Heritage Site is of Outstanding Universal Value.

All too often, when dealing with stonehenge we tend to put the Cart before the Horse. The only reason that we are having this detailed look at the scheme, or that this scheme was proposed in the first place is because Stonehenge is part of The World Heritage site that bears its name.

We should first look to see why Stonehenge is of importance, and what makes it 'special' to the Nation, and the wider world beyond.

There are two very simple reasons for Stonehenges unique place in the nations psyche. it's Age and it's Sacredness.

Now you can argue as to when it was built or how peoples have worshiped but the facts remain.

It's Ancient;

Older for instance than the Catholic Cathedral of Notre Dame, in fact older than Catholism itself and just as Valued by it's Faith Community as any Cathedrals are to theirs.

And to many, it is Sacred;

We can argue as to the use as an observational point for which it was built and the importance of keeping the site lines clear and free of light pollution, and we can

argue the importance of Ancestor Worship, a place of the Dead as Prof' Mike Parker-Pearson would have it. We can argue this and much more but what cannot be argued is that it is a place of pilgrimage four times a year, for a community that holds it as Sacred.

In summary, we find it disrespectful to suggest that such a unique place of reverence and worship as Stonehenge where folk are able to commune with the greater ancestral spirits and view the Sun rising and setting as did their forefathers before them, could be stripped of the dead and bereft of the integrity of the Solitary burial mounds, rising up through the mist, whilst still connected by the 'Genus Loki', within the greater sacred landscape. All for the sake of Fiscal gain, it being cheaper to build a shorter bored tunnel than a longer one.....

You do not need, Singular, tunnel, of Double vision to view this scheme, but tripple sight would not go amiss;

And by Triple sight, we believe this tunnel
Short sighted, wrongly sited, as we have cited.
So Mote it Be.....
King Arthur Pendragon /\