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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Reference number 20020027, my written summary of my oral submission to you.
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Dear members of the Panel,

Below is my written summary of my oral submission which I read out to you on 13th June 2019.

My name's Paul Gossage and I'm an ordinary member of the public. I have great respect for people who make a reasoned and honest argument....and contempt for people who do the opposite. So with that in mind, let's look at the customer survey about Stonehenge done by a private company called Simetrica. Let's look at this survey to see if it's fair, balanced and honest.

The survey asked people to put a monetary value on their "Willingness to Pay" to remove the A303 away from the stone circle at Stonehenge. However, the people surveyed weren't told the fact that many leading archaeologists say this would damage other parts of the World Heritage Site. For example Blick Mead to the east and the densest concentration of Neolithic burial grounds in the UK, to the west.

I'm sure that if people had been told this, then a lot of them would have given different answers. For example, if a survey was done on a group of children, then most would say "Yes" to an offer of an ice cream, but "No" if they were told they would be smacked whilst eating it.

In summary, this survey is based on an entirely one-sided question..
...so the survey's a fraud.....it's absolutely and completely invalid.

And the results of this discredited survey are now being used to manipulate things in the following way. According to the Government's National Audit Office, using the method they normally use to calculate value for money on road projects, the tunnel project only delivers 31p for every £1 spent. However, some people have chosen to factor into the calculations the results of the survey (which

I hope you agree is invalid) and then they claim the tunnel project delivers £1.15p for every £1 spent.

In other words, these people are trying to say that the survey has turned the 69% loss into a 15% gain!

In reality, I think this survey is very, very 'fishy'. So I ask the panel to please question the honesty of it, and whether or not it has been corruptly contrived to fabricate a financial justification for this massively expensive tunnel project.

So, how did this survey come about? Well, Highways England appointed a private firm of designers and engineers called Arup Atkins.....who coincidentally like to make money from building tunnels.....and Arup Atkins then commissioned this 'survey'. Maybe it's all just a remarkable coincidence, but I would be very grateful if the panel would look into this very fishy coincidence.

Furthermore, I think this survey is just one example of deceit, which is all part of an orchestrated and wider campaign to deceive the public, and the panel, into thinking the tunnel is a good idea.

In conclusion, I ask the panel to please also question the honesty of some other very fishy and suspicious claims made by the four main organisations who support the tunnel. These being, English Heritage, National Trust, Historic England and Highways England.

Yours sincerely,

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