From:
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Subject: Objection to proposed closure to AMES 11 & 12

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Dear Sirs,

I would like to formally register my objection to the proposed closure to AMES 11 & 12 along with the proposed closures of various other legal byways open to all traffic around the Stonehenge area.

These routes are historic rights of way and are enjoyed legally by many. These legal rights of way bring tourism to the area and should be considered a positive asset rather than something that causes Stonehenge to miss out on revenue. The proposed document seems to focus heavily on 'people gaining a free view of the stones' which highlights significant concern over the legitimacy of any other point raised in it. Stonehenge is a national asset, for all to enjoy, not just a money making scheme.

Wiltshire County Council's recent (and now reversed) illegal activity of closing the byways open to all traffic through 'experimental closures', now followed by this proposal with a short public consultation period highlights that WCC wants these routes closed at all costs and is seeking to rush this through without proper consideration. Should the proposed closure of AMES 11 & 12 be manifested it creates significant knock on effects to the validity of the consultation for the 'Stonehenge tunnel' where these rights of way were still considered to be open.

Closures of rights of way are never reversed, should WCC be granted permission to close AMES 11 & 12 it would be a permanent loss of these historic rights of way. I object to this proposal and hope that the committee take my view on board alongside the many other objections that you have received relating to this proposal.

Kind regards Ashley

Sent from Outlook