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Subject: RE: A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down (TR010025)
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am totally against the idea of building a road let alone a flyover through part of the landscape of Stonehenge.

I find it totally unfathomable as to why in the 21st century let alone in several previous ones where apparently we have been/are living in a modern apparently more sensible civilisation than previous 'more savage, brutal' ones (according to the history of mankind) that sites and surroundings of such importance like UNESCO World Heritage sites should not be permanently protected/exempt from any interference from developers.

None of the case arguments put forward to justify the building of the road really stand up to the so-called and hyped up benefits put forward :-

For instance, the idea that by not building the road will cause economic harm to local traders – well, the people and traders of Salisbury have no doubt lived with the current road system for a number of decades and their ancestors for hundreds of years so NO CHANGE here by not building the road !! All such a road will do is cause more vehicles to get to the town more quickly, i.e. more traffic build-up and jams resulting in more pollution and more road maintenance costs to the Salisbury town, etc.

The idea of building a short tunnel through a soil substrate which is known to be of high chalk concentration beggars belief and mind-boggling, irresponsible stupidity – chalk is of a very brittle nature and prone to absorbing water causing swelling and resulting in underground fissures and even caves with stalagmites and stalactites, i.e. in reality not known to present a stable to very stable foothold for any type of heavy building foundation such as concrete. The land around such a road development will be forever having to be monitored with ongoing repeated repairs and maintenance and far more of them than where such developments have been built in non-chalk or in soils with less chalk concentrations. Look at the White Cliffs Of Dover to see how chalk is very easily eroded – the same degree of erosion happens underground. And of course, the sheer vibrations caused by travelling vehicles will send shock waves through the chalk landscape resulting in fractures. Whatever, archaeology is still the ground discovered or currently undiscovered (which I have no doubt is plenty*) will also be affected.

Anyone with a semblance of mental intelligence can see from photographs from 30-50 years ago (when the site was far less developed) that there was and still is so much archaeology to explore there – why has the entire area around the site been so underdeveloped in terms of archaeological digs for a number of years – well, very often lack of sponsorship, unable to gain permission to certain sections of land, etc. Take a look at some of the visual shapes on even modern photographs and they clearly show obvious sites that need to be thoroughly explored by archaeologists – and some of you in your planning committees actually know this and some of these sites are very close and even intersect the so-called 'beloved, new saviour' road and tunnel system you are putting forward in your plans.

Such a development makes a mockery of why the trespassing Travellers were (quite correctly) evicted in 1984 albeit by overhanded and brutal police officers who have never been charged for using riot control tactics for a non-riot situation – (when use of a fire hose or alternative method would have sufficed) – these Travellers were blamed for so-called damage to 'The Stones' – No such thing - the damage was caused by a number of visitors particularly suburban children visiting the site with their parents and leaving tell-tale graffiti scratch marks, dried up chewing gum remains, etc. at the site. I dare say the Travellers' caravans actually compressed the campsite soil where they camped. Ooh shocking – And mindless fools like yourselves allow developers to literally bulldoze through what are National Historical Treasures all in the name of progress !!?? Who do you think you are honestly kidding ? Definitely yourselves on many occasions.

Why make another government faux-pas ? Do you actually enjoy the idea of making history by getting yourselves written into the history books quite accurately as having caused damage to such a prestigious site. My word, many of your predecessors quite obviously have and have been awarded 'false' accolades, awards, etc. For undertaking such crass actions. All in the name of other non-described motives, e.g. political one-upmanship, political gain, very often hidden financial gains and special privileges – all you will be doing is condemning yourselves to this – both sick and laughable. How many more things can be wrecked before you really get the message – the resigned mental answer = plenty unfortunately.

PERMANENTLY PROTECT SUCH SITES FROM HUMAN INTERFERENCE

So many sites have been lost already, why add to the list ? There is no depends.

Yours Sincerely

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From: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
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Dear Sir / Madam

**The Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010
Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303
Amesbury to Berwick Down
Request by the Secretary of State for comments**

Reference: 20018993

Please find below a link to the letter from the Secretary of State for Transport inviting comments on, amongst other matters, the response to its consultation of 16 July 2020:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/TR010025-001992>

The deadline for any response is **28 September 2020**

Yours faithfully
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