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Dear Secretary of State,  
Please find attached the Avebury Society's response to the a second consultation.  
Yours sincerely  
Susan Rogers (Hon Sec the Avebury Society)

The Avebury Society  
Hon Secretary Dr Susan J Rogers



The Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps, MP,  
Secretary of State for Transport,  
C/O Ms Natasha Kopala,  
Head of Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit,  
Great Minster House,  
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28/09/2020

Dear Secretary of State

The Avebury Society, with around 60 members, was formally constituted as a Civic Society in 1994, with interests in the Avebury part of the World Heritage Site (WHS). We are represented on the Avebury WHS Steering Committee and are concerned that what happens at the Stonehenge half of the WHS could have implications for Avebury.

We made a [Relevant Representation](#) to the A303 Stonehenge Examination and took part in the Examination, submitting a number of Written Representations [see below]. We have also followed your subsequent consultations with interest and concern.


We were fascinated to hear of the new find at Durrington Walls and are disappointed that Highways England and the road scheme supporters, such as the National Trust, English Heritage and Wiltshire Council, have not accepted the implications of the new archaeological find in highlighting the damage the road scheme would do to the World Heritage Site landscape as a whole.

We had hoped that the new find would provide an opportunity for Highways England and scheme supporters to reconsider their approach and realign their positions, making necessary changes to the Environmental Statement to incorporate a revised position. This would have had the advantages of following the advice of the Advisory Missions (invited by the Government to advise on the road scheme) and the World Heritage Committee, as well as the Government's commitment to the World Heritage Convention. We are aware that honouring our International Treaties is a matter of particular concern at the present time and our members would be shocked and disappointed if the A303 Stonehenge scheme were to be approved.

Having participated in the Local Plan process and revisions of the WHS Management Plan over many years, we now have a strong framework of protection for the WHS. To ignore this framework and introduce a massive highway engineering project at Stonehenge would overturn the democratic process of agreed protection of our shared WHS and leave Avebury vulnerable to inappropriate development in future.

We hope that you will not grant permission for the A303 Stonehenge scheme.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Thomas (Acting Chairman the Avebury Society)

REF2-057 Deadline 2 submission – Written representation

REF4-046 Deadline 4 submission – Written representation

Additional submission [no ref. number] Avebury Society's response to Highways England's comments on Avebury Society's Written representation

Additional submission [covering letter dated 9.8 19] [no ref.number] Additional submission accepted at the discretion of the Examining Authority

REF9-045 Deadline 9 submission – Comments on Deadline and Submissions