

From: [REDACTED]
To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: For Stonehenge Case Team
Date: 08 December 2021 22:24:45

Dear sir/madam,

Please see below my original email regarding the proposed Stonehenge bypass. My comments remain valid and i wish for them to be included in the re-consideration process.

Kind regards,

Nigel Roberts

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 12 November 2020 at 20:46:57 GMT
To: [REDACTED]@parliament.uk
Cc: [REDACTED]@parliament.uk
Subject: A303 Stonehenge bypass

Dear Mr Shapps,

This is important and I urge you to take note as your actions based on this email could have a dramatic impact on both your career and this important area of countryside - both of them positively.

I have read with great dismay the news today that you have decided to approve construction of a tunnel to bypass the Stonehenge site.

I have never written to the government before to express my concern, but on this occasion I feel I must. This decision is wrong on so many levels that I urge you to reconsider it.

Apart from the projected cost of nearly £2 billion, which without any shadow of doubt can be expected to increase dramatically, as these things always do, there is also the environmental and archeological impact to consider. These factors have simply too many issues too list.

Instead I will keep my email short as I am sure this will be just one from many others. I have for many years felt the tunnel project is above all unnecessary as the desired effect could easily be achieved at a tiny fraction of the cost by the planting of suitable hedgerow which would screen the henge from the road. A hedge would obscure the view from the road and this would quickly alleviate the problem of drivers stopping or slowing down to view it or even take photos. I believe an almost instant improvement in traffic flow would occur all for little cost and effort. Once a hedge has proven this effect other options could be considered if a more permanent solution was really required, but none of them need be as invasive as digging down into this ancient site. All works could be above ground, for example a berm to reduce the sound impact

of traffic at the henge, which would be both much cheaper and would have little to no impact on the archeology of the area. If nothing else a hedgerow could be planted and if it fails to achieve the desired result after a few years your more extreme ideas could be explored. What do you have to lose? I suppose just your reputation for ever after... there is an alternative and it is not too late.


Once this damage has been done it cannot be undone! Generations for ever after will suffer another white elephant. A decision to dig a tunnel that costs billions of pounds when the country is in such drastic financial trouble and causes unknown damage to this historic site when a simple alternative is available would be a terrible legacy for you and this government.

The plan is utterly incomprehensible and the decision must be overturned.

Should you think of any justifiable reason to go ahead I would welcome your response to educate me.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Roberts


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