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Objection to A303 Stonehenge Road Tunnel from Amesbury to Berwick Down.

I have previously objected to the above scheme. I think that is totally inappropriate.

Since November 2020, when the previous decision was made there have been two major occurrences. One of these is Covid. This has cost the country billions of pounds and will cost even more in the future. We cannot afford a vanity scheme such as this A303 tunnel. I think that the cost is unaffordable. Projects such as this have a habit of doubling in cost. This tunnel scheme is likely to hit problems due to encountering ancient remains during construction.

The other thing that is relevant is that the UK hosted the climate change conference last summer and we pledged to be a leader in reducing carbon emissions. This scheme would encourage more traffic during construction and on in to the future. What does that say about our good intentions?

I think that all the infrastructure needed to build this tunnel is obtrusive. It overpowers the stones themselves. It is a distraction. Stonehenge at present seems isolated as it should be. Our familiar view would be lost. This tunnel is too short. However, I would not want a longer one. That would cost even more. I do not want a tunnel at all. What about security? The tunnel could be a target for terrorists. Is it not time that we encouraged more freight on to the railways?

The scheme was recommended for refusal by a panel of five senior planning inspectors.

Yours sincerely,

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