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To Whom It May Concern at The Department For Transport (DfT)

I am registered with your Organisation as an "Interested Party" and now wish to submit the following Comments and Recommendations concerning the Proposed A303 Stonehenge Tunnel Scheme - (but the Statement of Matters link within your e-mail below does not appear to have a form or box for doing so.)

Basically :

1. I accept the need for the A303 to be widened to better accommodate current and future volumes of traffic.
2. I believe that the Visual and Audible Appearance of the Stonehenge World Heritage Site should be enhanced by removing much of the existing and future traffic noise from close proximity to the Stones.
3. **However, I am very concerned by 2 negative features of the proposed scheme, which are :**
 - a) The Enormous Construction and On-Going Lifetime Maintenance Costs of the proposed 2 to 3 mile long tunnel
 - b) That a Tunnel Solution will mean that over the next 100 years or so, millions of ordinary people (drivers, passengers, children, tourists, etc) will be deprived of the great pleasure of seeing Stonehenge whilst travelling across this part of Southern England. (It seems very, very mean to tell people that they will only be able to see the Stones by paying £10 to £20 per person at the Stonehenge Visitor Centre. Just imagine if other major UK National Monuments (e.g., St Pauls Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, etc) were to be similarly hidden from the view of the general public.)

My 2-Part Recommendation is . . .

1. **Leave about 2 to 3 Miles of the existing A303 as a designated "Scenic/Heritage Route" with a 20 or 30 mile per hour speed limit and some free short-stop parking bays (subject to a maximum 15 or 30 minute waiting time limit) for use by all those drivers who want the pleasure of looking at the Stones from a distance of about 300 or 400 yards**

PLUS

2. **Construct a 3 Mile Long New Dual Carriageway By-Pass about One Mile to the South of the Existing A303. (This would be used by all those drivers who do not want to see the Stones (again) and/or wish to travel at up to 60 mph).**

Supporting Factors

I believe my "2-Part Recommendation" could save about £1 Billion of the estimated £1.25 to £1.5 project costs

The expected transition to electric vehicles over the next 10 to 20 years will also reduce noise pollution from traffic using both the "Scenic Route" and "Dual Carriageway By-Pass Route"

The "Scenic Route" could be temporarily closed-off at special times (such as for the Summer and Winter Solstice Celebrations by Druids)

I would be very grateful if you would confirm safe receipt of this e-mail

Yours sincerely,

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