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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am seventy one years of age and I have an important insight to share with you as somebody who is not biased by living on top of this historic National Heritage.

Firstly, I am informed that local people are allowed free access to the site anytime they wish. This is clearly unfair. We are talking about much more than just a World Heritage Site. Stonehenge is such an important edifice that for you, local people, to hide it from view from the rest of the British people unless they stump up the cash is a travesty, a theft from our souls, a crime against the common British people.

My grandparents were farmers in Christow, Devon. I remember Stonehenge from early childhood. It has always been the hight of our journey from London to Devon over all of my life, from before the days when some stupid unthinking idiots from London University thought it would be fun to paint it during a University prank in the seventies. It was this excuse that you used in the first place to ring-fence it from the rest of the world. IT DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU ALONE.

NOBODY IS GOING TO STEAL THESE STONES NOR DEFACE THEM IN THIS MORE ENLIGHTENED AGE.

Do you know or have any thought at all about how these stones were bought from Wales to where they now lay, or how the pyramids were able to be constructed as they ( and that they they were covered in limestone and gold?) Of course not, and no more do you understand how the energy of these stones affects every traveller who passes their door. Would you have even given a thought to what you are trying to do when you hide them from view?

Are you one of these people who believe in Santa Claus, tooth faeries and trick or treat but not in the more important things in life, like consciousness and superlative, like empathy and the meaning of love and giving and sharing?

DO NOT STEAL THESE STONES FROM THE COMMON PEOPLE. THEY WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU.

Let me give you another perspective.

The cost of building a tunnel....Unbelievable.

Do you have a valid reason why you cannot simply widen the carriageway into two lanes each way and put down a soft tarmac which will not create so much noise. Even a flyover at the next roundabout would relieve all of this traffic considerably. I don't hear you moaning about the income you make from tourism.

Did you not know that in a few years time we will have discarded the petrol engine for electric cars.

Could you not just simply build a straw bale wall just two bales high' below the vision line, which will cut out the traffic noise on the site.

Are you prepared to mimic what Beeching (and Earnest Marples) did to the railways.

You have sold these stones, WHICH DO NOT BELONG TO YOU, to the tourist industry for money THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU.

PLEASE GIVE THEM BACK AND THINK AGAIN BEFORE YOU DARE TO HIDE THEM FROM VIEW OR GIVE EVERY MAN WOMAN AND CHILD THAT LIVES IN THIS COUNTRY A FREE PASS TO SEE THE STONES THEMSELVES AS WE HAVE DONE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE.

I hope to God that you can come to understand how important these stones are to us all. Please discuss this further amongst yourselves. I have known councils and government make many mistakes since I was born. Do not add this one to the list.

yours sincerely

Gerald Birch

