From:
A303 Stonehenge

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## Dear Sirs,

Stonehenge, a World Heritage Site of unique and incalculable value, about to be trashed by National Highways. Who would have thought it possible? So short-sighted, I should lend them my spectacles! What is precious, if not Stonehenge?

National Highways have utterly failed to take into account the World Heritage Committee decision from 2021 nor acknowledged the 'significantly adverse' effect noted by the Secretary of State. They seem determined to damage our one and only Stonehenge. In my view, better alternatives that avoid damaging the site have not been properly explored. Both southern and northern routes avoiding the site are possible, as is a longer tunnel. No doubt better links to the southwest are needed but we must not forget the impacts on nature recovery and climate change with the additional emissions expected from improving access by road.

I am in no doubt that the National Highways plan should be rewritten and improved so that damage to the Stonehenge site is avoided, removing traffic from it other than for access. I also know that this is a view shared by so many, both home and abroad. It would be a national embarrassment and negation of duty if this plan were to proceed. Yours sincerely,

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