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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Dear Planning Inspector/s

I am writing to register my objection to and grave concern about the projected Stonehenge Road scheme. Leaving aside the specifics of major engineering work taking place on the doorstep of a globally highly significant archaeological site, I am extremely concerned to see the government continue to pursue any road building as a solution to congestion.

It is astonishing that - almost 30 years since the first SACTRA report was published in 1994 (in which the principle of new rules generating and facilitating new traffic growth was first established)- we are still in a position whereby road schemes are considered to be a remedy. It is now irrefutable that any relief of congestion is short-term and minimal and will lead in the medium term to further congestion with all its attendant destruction. The devastating impact of climate change, to which car dependency is firmly linked, becomes clearer and clearer at every turn. Only a few months ago, at COP 26, International scientists, researchers, NGOs, and governments committed themselves to the necessity to halt and reverse these catastrophic process. To commit further huge financial resources to a regressive road scheme seems to ignore this consensus and undermines the British commitment to net zero.

Moreover, at a time of almost unprecedented pressure on public finances, following two years of a pandemic which is not yet over, in the face of a devastating conflict on the Europe affecting the whole continent, it is both alarming and mystifying to contemplate the eye watering sums of public money which would be poured into this scheme. I hope you will take the long view and reject it, and all road based solutions to the A303's congestion. I urge you instead to consider a range of alternatives to hard engineering so as to reduce, not multiply, car use and the consequent emissions.

Yours sincerely

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