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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing to you about the Stonehenge road scheme. I am opposed to the proposed scheme for two reasons:

- a. It is morally wrong and
- b. It will not be effective.

It is morally wrong because it would damage a really important historical site. I recently visited the Stonehenge exhibition at the British Museum. One of the things that struck me was how basic to our identity the site is and how our knowledge of the site has been utterly transformed in recent years. The discovery of Durrington Walls. The way in which the River Avon was used in the ceremonies at the site. The orientation to midwinter. All of this and more was unknown ten years ago. There is more to come. It would be morally wrong to deprive people in the future of the discoveries that are yet to be made.

It will not be effective. I cannot help but compare this development to that of HS2 and the third runway at Heathrow. The striking thing about both of them is that the case for them has not survived long enough for the scheme to be completed. You obviously know far more about traffic flows than I do, but do you honestly believe that the projections you have been given are correct? I see no reason to believe that petrol prices will ever go back to the levels they were at when the projections were made or that work routines will ever go back to what they were before the pandemic.

Just a thought, I know that the 303 is an important route. It has been for a very long time. If that were not so then Stonehenge would not have been built where it is in the first place. Yet in four and a half thousand years no one else has found it necessary to damage the site to get where they are going. I suspect that the builders of Stonehenge thought that the movement of stones like flint or blue stones from the Preselli Hills was vital. Yet before the project was even complete stone was being replaced by metal. Sooner or later cars will go out of use just as surely as flint did.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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