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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
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Dear Chairman,

I have read all the ideas being put forward to ease the traffic flow alongside our precious archaeological, historical Stonehenge site situated along the A303.

I have a few points to make which are probably the same as everyone else concerned with the destruction of such an important area.

1. I agree that pollution is damaging the area, so understand SOMETHING has to be done.
2. Having gone through a pandemic where the population was advised to 'work from home', many people are continuing to do so as, A) it saves time, energy, fuel, wear and tear on themselves and the environment. B) companies/businesses are closing their offices/workplaces as they are now redundant. Therefore there is less 'work' traffic on our roads. Obviously there is haulage which IF the railways got their act together, would also be reduced. New technology is being invented all the time. With the use of this (such as possible drone deliveries) and manufacturing things locally instead of half way round the world, a reduction in heavy road haulage MUST surely happen within our lifetime?
- 3) The enormous expense of construction will cause more pollution.
- 4) The UK debt is already out of control.
- 5) The catastrophic disturbance/destruction of our history by tunnelling or a new dual lane highway through/round/over the site is unimaginable and considering my comments in (2) WHAT IS THE POINT?
- 6) Surely in this day and age there are other ways of protecting Stonehenge.

My suggestion is as follows. Why can't a special high hedge and fence be planted/erected along the boundary of the site?

- A) It would be good for the environment and climate change as it would absorb pollution and protect the stones.
- B) Everyone is being encouraged to 'plant a tree' to help the survival of our planet.
- C) Because the site would not be seen from the road, traffic would not stop, so therefore no constant snail-like procession past the site every day. Therefore less pollution!
- D) Less money spent. Less time and effort. Less pollution overall.
- E) There will be more pandemics or suchlike in years to come which might mean even less traffic.
- F) When there is more 'GREEN ENERGY' such as electric transport (or something yet to be discovered), we will have less need for expensive tunnels/flyovers/sunken roads around precious sites.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours sincerely,

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