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I am writing to express concern about the planning permission to put a road tunnel on the line of the A303 at Stonehenge.

Many archaeologists have pointed out that the landscape was densely occupied in prehistory, with a range of important sites, and remote sensing is still throwing up surprises such as the vast row of post settings at Durrington Walls. If structures of this kind can remain unknown until recently it is cavalier to undertake such drastic road tunnelling in the Stonehenge area. It has been pointed out by Mike Parker Pearson and other archaeologists that the tunnel is too short and that the portals will damage archaeology, particularly the site at Blick Mead, a rare Mesolithic occupation site which is transforming our ideas about this very early period in prehistory.

My preferred option would be to re-route the A303 to the south of the site. Failing this, the tunnel needs to be much longer, with portals further away from Stonehenge itself.

It seems particularly ironic that the British Museum is currently hosting an exhibition showcasing the importance of Stonehenge in its European and wider British context at a time when the Government appears to be prepared to compromise the status of the site and its archaeological remains.

Yours sincerely,

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