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Dear Sir or Madam,

As a former transport strategy specialist, I fully appreciate how the demand for ever more efficient traffic management impacts on the potential provision of infrastructure.

From my personal experience, I am only too aware that there is a school of thought that leads to the conclusion that if demand for road space exceeds the supply of lane-carrying capacity, then we should continue to expand the existing network to meet that need - perhaps indefinitely.

Putting aside, for the time being, the well proven contention that providing greater road capacity inevitably encourages an increase in road usage, we have to accept that all physical transport infrastructure exists within a context. It is not just transport for its own sake, but for a purpose - or more accurately an integrated matrix of purposes.

We have to attempt to balance the shorter-term logistical and financial, against the longer-term social and cultural.

In the case of the Stonehenge Landscape, we have England's finest area of outstanding and iconic archaeology, which in the view of many - myself included - will always outweigh the pressure from road users, however frustrated we may become from time to time. Most of those who traverse Salisbury Plain are only passing through this pinch point for geographical convenience and the minimising of journey time. There will indeed be exceptional times when the needs of the transport network do outweigh the protection of the local environment - and I understand that it's a difficult circle to square.

However, I feel that in this case the damage to the cultural and spiritual heritage of Britain is just too great to countenance an extension to the Wiltshire road network on this scale - with all of its associated and irrevocable damage to archaeological sites of national significance.

Despite being a periodic user of the A303, I strongly encourage you not to allow this scheme to proceed.

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