Dear Sirs,

I wish to respond to the Secretary of State's invitation to comment on the National Highways' proposals and further representations.

I am of the view that any proposals for the improvement of the A303 road across Salisbury Plain west of Amesbury must amount to fulfilling the finding of the World Heritage Committee in putting the status of Stonehenge as a World Heritage Site in danger.

It is important that Stonehenge is seen in the much wider locational context which has been found in the

last decades and is now only beginning to become clear. Any disturbance of the ground in this area deeper than .5 ms and less in many important sites diminishes unacceptably the archaeological, historical and cultural value of the plain to future knowledge and to future generations.

Archaeology is now at an important developmental stage. Just as the wider area of the Plain is becoming recognised as essential to Stonehenge, so is science aiding archaeological investigations in ways unimagined by previous generations of archaeologists, historians and the public. The A303 road and its traffic should be diverted out of the Plain entirely, the present road developed no further and the costs acknowledged as investment in the future of the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, Bruce Chilton