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Dear Sir, I am writing to express my concerns about the scheme to widen the A303 at the world heritage site of Stonehenge.

In July 2021 UNSECO Heritage Committee stated that, if the proposed scheme went ahead, without significant changes, they would consider putting Stonehenge, Avebury and other sites on the Heritage in Danger list - in my view this would be a national disgrace and an indictment of a government that cannot protect its most ancient of monuments. It is obvious that any deep engineering project that close to the site would have a detrimental effect on the integrity of the site and destroy the beautiful landscape around Stonehenge.

I understand that alternative routes, like a southern by pass have not be considered even though such a route would be considerably cheaper.

Also that the financial costs have not been upgraded, we only need to look at the exponential rise in the cost of HS2 to know that these will have risen exponentially too. As I live in Cornwall with family in Kent I use the A303 frequently, and, although the queues can be tiring in the Summer, I still would prefer them to any mega tunnel or other destructive alternatives. There must be further measures that can be taken to reduce road traffic and emissions and improve access to the South West.

As an active environmentalist I would like to see the carbon assessment and costs updated too, and along with many people believe that in order to reach net zero emissions we need to be halting any new road or rail systems and be investing in better public transport. An abandonment of this scheme could be part of the Environment Act 2021 declared targets for nature recovery as part of the overall strategy to increase biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions.

Many changes have occurred in public policy, and in the population's concerns about environment and costs, for this scheme to be re examined by an independent panel before the Secretary of State makes a final ruling on the implementation of the scheme.

We desperately need to reduce our dependence on cars and develop an eco friendly public transport system, hopefully hydrogen buses and trains, rather that cover our beautiful landscapes with more cement and endanger the infrastructure of precious sites like Stonehenge.

Yours faithfully,
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