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To:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Reassessment of A303 proposals at Stonehenge

Date: 31 March 2022 11:57:00

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to the A303 around the Stonehenge World Heritage Site.

I am appalled that 21st century transport needs are being set above an archaeological site of such scientific importance as the Stonehenge World Heritage site, a site going back many thousands of years with still more discoveries to yield to generations going into the future. There is still much remaining to be explored and researched across the Stonehenge site and archaeological research methods are improving all the time so the concern is that such drastic road work proposals will harm so much of archaeological importance before it can be discovered and evaluated. Does our society have a right to do this for such short term gain as traffic flow? I believe not.

I also believe that at a time of climate change, alternatives to facilitating increased traffic flow should be examined more fully and ways of reducing traffic and carbon emissions given greater consideration. There have been ways shown of adequately solving the problem of traffic by moving the road form this area of international scientific importance. Doing this would give the archaeology at Stonehenge greater protection and provide an opportunity to incorporate greener solutions at the same time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I dearly hope a solution that avoids harming the whole Stonehenge archaeological landscape can be found.

Yours faithfully, Hazel Holmes-Wilde