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**To:** [A303 Stonehenge](#)  
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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to register my objection to the proposed A303 Stonehenge road widening scheme.

This scheme in its current form would cause significant damage to the Stonehenge world heritage site, of which Stonehenge itself is only one part. The integrity of the wider landscape is crucial to our understanding of the archaeology. The 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision to investigate whether it should be put on the "List of World Heritage in Danger" is a result of expert analysis of this proposal. The National Highways response has not addressed the issues raised by the WHC. The work would put in jeopardy the status of the site as it is, and the potential for future finds.

I do appreciate that a change to the current traffic scheme is desirable however, in addition to the irreversible damage it would cause, this scheme is unnecessarily expensive, and only looks at hard engineering solutions to the problem. A cheaper southern bypass route has been proposed but has not been properly assessed. This alternative should be explored alongside other measures to reduce road traffic, it should be possible for the government to address the issue in a more interconnected way that seeks to both improve the route, and to reduce road traffic and traffic emissions.

The current scheme as it stands will do nothing to reduce emissions and in fact would lead to an increase, working against the ever more urgent requirement to reduce the causes of climate change.

Regarding the cost of the proposal, it is notable that National Highways has not updated construction costs or the carbon assessment and costs. Given the changes to costs which are already arising, the predictions of further rises, and the strain on government spending, the case cannot be assessed on the basis of the current costs as presented by National Highways.

I currently live in Prague but grew up in Boscombe Down so I know the area very well and have a deep connection to it. I know the challenges of that particular stretch of road but given the value of the landscape, I strongly feel that the current proposal will do more harm than good. There are better possible solutions than the unnecessarily destructive one proposed by National Highways and I earnestly hope that this proposal will be rejected.

Yours Sincerely

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