



Dear Planning Inspector

I am writing to express my disquiet at the secretary of state's attempt to overturn the decision on the Stonehenge Tunnel

The exploratory work has already damaged some significant archeologically sites and will almost certainly damage more in this very special unique area. Many of its treasures are still hidden so impossible for any engineer to say with confidence that they can be protected.

Why such a short tunnel? This will only cover just over half of the world heritage site. Does the secretary just right off the archeologically significance of the rest of the site. UNESCO are rightly very concerned re the plans should we not take some account of the worlds experts in our planning.

If Stonehenge is delisted as a world heritage site then local tourism will fall, this in turn affects local business. Has not Salisbury suffered enough with big hits to its economy with novo choc followed closely by the pandemic? This will directly impact its ability to return to the thriving city it deserves to be.

Why not look for a cheaper alternative such as a southern bypass. There have been no recent costings of the tunnel and we can guarantee that costs will have significantly increased already and will end up costing millions more than budgeted as nearly every large infrastructure project does. I would rather the money be spent on helping people and businesses through this economic crisis than spend millions on a vanity project of the government.

Road improvements always increase traffic, with the imperative to lower our carbon footprint is it wise to increase traffic to flow with it inherent increase speeds till they meet the next bottleneck further down the A303.

I appreciate this area is a significant traffic bottleneck but I really think the whole scheme needs to go back to the drawing board and come up with a plan which protects the whole of this important unique site and preferably look for cheaper option rather than the current expensive folly planned.

Yours sincerely

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