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From: Rebecca Board, [REDACTED]

I am writing because I am concerned about the idea of putting a dual carriageway either above or below ground through the Stonehenge world heritage site, the landscape and it's archeology is of worldwide importance and very special and I am against going ahead with this controversial scheme which would in the words of the planning inspectors '...substantially and permanently harm the integrity of the World Heritage Site, now and in the future.'

I am concerned that the dual carriageway, it's large tunnel entrance portals and motorway scale interchange would be close to the many ancient barrows at the western end of the site, and would spoil the integrity and spirit of their place in the Stonehenge landscape. Whilst the present road is far from ideal it could be removed at a later date, so I feel it would be better to leave things as they are for now until such time as a better solution can be found, then at least no further permanent damage will be done.

The present proposal has, I feel, rightly been rejected by UNESCO.

I live about 40 minutes away from Stonehenge and have had the pleasure of visiting and starting to get to know the landscape several times over the past year and it simply doesn't seem right to me that we are even considering something as awful as putting a dual carriageway through the Stonehenge landscape. Surely the potential damage to archeological remains that connect us to our ancestors is unacceptable. Not to mention damage to the spirit and integrity of the landscape. I have reservations about even a deep bored tunnel, so please abandon this scheme.

We already have the M4 and M5 which enable us to cross the UK in a matter of hours.

I suspect that some traffic which would otherwise use the M4 / M5 would be tempted to come onto a dualled A303 instead, making it even worse – busier and with more traffic through our Stonehenge landscape that we should be protecting for present and future generations.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Board