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A303 Stonehenge

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I am strongly opposed to the proposed scheme. I have been delayed in traffic on the A303 on many occasions, but I have enjoyed the views of Stonehenge while sitting in my car, and the overall addition to my journey is insignificant when compared with the monumental and irreversible vandalism that the scheme represents.

My comments are as follows:

# Climate Emergency:

Since the examination of the scheme closed, the impact of climate change has continued to become more serious. It is an existential threat to all life on this planet. To be considering road building as this time is literally suicidal. The construction of the road and tunnel will release large amounts of carbon. Encouraging increasing traffic will release further carbon, especially as the majority of vehicles will not be all electric for many years. New road building is incompatible with the government's carbon targets.

## World Heritage Site:

National Highways has not made any changes which take into account the World Heritage Committee Decision. The effect of the proposed cuttings is significantly adverse. Dumping of the huge amounts of spoil from the tunnel will also cause serious environmental damage.

#### Financial costs:

National Highways has not updated the huge costs.

### Alternatives:

These have not been adequately explored.

This scheme should be rejected.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Peter Simmons