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Sirs,

The proposal of the 3km tunnel across the most important prehistoric landscape in Britain sets a bad precedence, for which there is no need. The tunnel is too short and the planned modern construction when completed would make Stonehenge look insignificant and change the setting in the landscape.

Extracts from UNESCO World Heritage List " Stonehenge and Avebury, in Wiltshire, are among the most famous groups of megaliths in the world. The two sanctuaries consist of circles of menhirs arranged in a pattern whose astronomical significance is still being explored. These holy places and the nearby Neolithic sites are an incomparable testimony to prehistoric times."

The last sentence is the reason for not choosing this option.

- This is a sacred landscape unique in world terms. Stonehenge is but one monument sited amongst a concentration of monuments, the significance of the wider area is yet to be determined.
- These cherished characteristics are not just what can be seen above ground, but more importantly what lies beneath.
- The western area of this proposal would encourage that up to 9 Neolithic burial mounds would be obliterated which changes the historic environment. Features of the landscape would be lost forever and the setting of the World Heritage Site altered unequivocally.

I do not feel that other options have been explored fully, especially the southern bypass route. This route would be cheaper, possibly harder to deliver, but importantly the longer tunnel would reduce the impact on this World Heritage Site.

Wiltshire Council have set a precedence with this when they acknowledged under the UNESCO World Heritage Convention of 1972 when there was a perceived threat to the Bath World Heritage Site. On this occasion they agreed to work with Bath and NE Somerset to protect this International Heritage Asset - Core Policy 58. P209 para 6.130.

Surely The Stonehenge World Heritage Site is maybe the most important World Heritage Site for Prehistory, and should be afforded the same protection as its neighbour The City of Bath World Heritage Site.

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