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A303 Stonehenge

Subject:

Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

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To: the Secretary of State for Transport – The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP

Dear Sir

I am writing to urge you to make a new decision revising the current National Highways proposals for the A303 near Stonehenge. This issue concerns me deeply, as someone who lives in the South-West, and has regularly visited the Stonehenge area.

I am concerned that the current proposals are unsatisfactory in a number of ways: They threaten the UNESCO World Heritage status of the site, and do not deal with your own Department's findings that the current Scheme proposed would have a 'significantly adverse' impact on the western area. There has been no full assessment of alternative routes, nor exploration of alternatives to simply expanding the A303 to carry more traffic. I am concerned that the scheme construction costs have not been updated, nor the environmental impact, particularly in the context of ever-increasing environmental and emission reduction concerns.

This issue is one which deserves an ingenious, thoroughly thought through and responsibly considered solution. Stonehenge and the surrounding area form an extraordinary monument to the human ingenuity, dedication and engineering skills of generations of human beings thousands of years ago. It is up to us to preserve this awe-inspiring and beautiful place for future generations — both here in the UK, and the many international visitors who come to see it.

I trust that you will take my comments into account, and look forward to hearing the result of your deliberations.

Yours faithfully

Claire Crocker

