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Dear Inspectorate.

April 4th, 2022.

I wish to object to the current plans to widen the A303 at Stonehenge, and to make a tunnel under the World Heritage Site.

UNESCO and many others have pointed out that having the tunnel portals within the World Heritage Site will cause irreversible damage to archaeological and cultural heritage of international importance.

And this will impact people far into the future. If future generations 100 or 200 years from now wished to close this road and restore the landscape to its previous state, they would find it impossible, such is the scale of the proposed work.

With yet another urgent IPCC report today (April 4th 2022) on climate, now is the very time to move away from major road building schemes. We must reassess the way we travel, and there is an urgent need, reinforced by the current Ukrainian crisis, to move away from oil and gas to all-electric (and hydrogen) transport, using electricity generated by renewable energy. In terms of transport between London and the South East to the South West of England, this should mean electrifying and boosting the Paddington to Exeter and Plymouth and Penzance line, and electrifying and increasing the capacity of the Waterloo to Exeter line.

It is another eight years before the sale of new petrol and diesel cars is ended. New petrol and diesel cars have an average life of about 8 years, and many considerably longer. It's likely that the improved A303 would continue to be used by fossil fuel vehicles until the late 2030s and probably beyond.

It is well known that new roads attract more traffic (the phenomenon of induced traffic, [REDACTED]), and the same is likely to apply here. Also it seems likely that a new road perceived as making travel to the West Country easier will reduce the number of people who might consider switching to rail, at the very time when it is in our national and international interests that they do so.

I urge you to take account of the certain damage to the World Heritage Site, and the likely encouragement the new road would give to drivers to continue to use their vehicles - and for some considerable time many of these vehicles would be powered by fossil fuels - at the very time when we should be switching to less damaging forms of public transport

Yours,

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