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A303 Stonehenge

**Subject:** Discredited Stonehenge tunnel plan being re-proposed!

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## To whom it may concern

It appears that the discredited A303 Stonehenge tunnel proposal - which the report by the reputable Stonehenge Examiners quite rightly recommended should be refused - has extraordinarily been reproposed with practically no compromises or changes in any way put forward.

It is obviously necessary to point out concisely *yet again* why this scheme is such a monumentally appalling idea...

The Stonehenge archaeological landscape (which was already scarred by road development 50 years ago) is an internationally recognised and unique site, renowned throughout the world.

As such it is a World Heritage Site (an honour which will be removed by the obviously much better informed or more intelligent committee who make these choices if this terrible scheme goes ahead.)

It appears that 'our friends overseas' (as our government might refer to them) are much more capable of understanding the importance of the are and the many awful effects this would scheme would bring about...

Future generations would look back with incredulity to see what this government has done to one of the most important historical landscapes and sites in the British Isles, even in the world.

But worse than all this, despite all the above having been pointed out to the Transport Secretary, he still seems to feel that desecrating this landscape - for the sole purpose of allowing traffic to reach the West Country *literally minutes quicker* by this route rather than the alternatives that have been put forward (which don't destroy the landscape) - is a plan worth pursuing!

And so to the actual proposal. One would expect that if it is being reconsidered this would be in the light of having taken into account points made by the 2021World Heritage Committee, the acknowledgement by the Secretary of State that the scheme's impact on the area would be significantly adverse, and have considered some of the cheaper, better and more environmentally friendly that have been put forward.

But no, they are still ploughing ahead with the scheme as it was previously. And this even though in the time elapsed the climate crisis and the importance of reducing traffic and carbon emissions etc has been even more universally recognised. And our own Environment Act 2021 sets new targets for *recovering* natural landscapes - not destroying them!

In short, nobody in their right mind would even consider such a scheme - let alone twice.

PLEASE DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO ENSURE THAT THIS AGGRESSIVE HARD ENGINEERED SCHEME IS REFUSED AND STONEHENGE KEPT SAFE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Yours sincerely

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