

From: [REDACTED]
To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: another objection to another refusal to understand the word No
Date: 04 April 2022 18:43:44

Dear Secretary of State, consultation response team, planning inspectorate, DfT and NH

There's probably no point in writing again to lodge another objection to your arrogant and foolish plans for sinking the A303 into tunnels beneath the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. As Raymond Chandler might have written and Bogart might have said, 'You don't stay told!'

We tell you it is an unprovoked attack on our cultural heritage and the cultural heritage of humanity and you tell us it will enhance the WHS.

We tell you it's a foolish waste of money and you say the investment will eventually pay off when your programme of destruction has captured the agglomerated value of building even more dual carriageways and completing the 'second strategic route' into the heart of the South West.

We tell you this is the 21st century, well into the sooty twilight of the carbon age, when it may already be too late to halt global heating, when our only and beloved planet is beset by fire and flood, when the icecaps, glaciers and permafrost are melting, people and wildlife retreating to higher ground and cooler places (where such refuges exist) and you say, what **can** you say? That delays suffered by cars and trucks and caravans are unacceptable, journeys are unreliable, but transport will be decarbonised and life and business will go on as before without a thought for any future other than a future of infinite economic growth.

Unesco has told you to stop; a high court judge has told you to stop; climate change panels and committees have told you to stop. You ignore them; you know better. You have access to the arcane knowledge that has inspired roadbuilders for generations: roads bring prosperity; they generate jobs and profits and votes from the citizens of a car-owning democracy.

So why should you listen to an old man with nothing better to do with his Sunday evening than regurgitate sentimental tosh about our vulnerable planet and about people who live on the shores of far oceans and distant flood plains of which we know nothing?

I know that such questions cannot touch the faith that protected the government's £27bn road programme from cuts in the recent budget, nor stop you asking if the people of those distant lands will not one day also have cars and boats and floating homes; nor whether I would deny them the progress that a world-class highway system – a truly global transport network - will one day bring to all? (Maybe, in the present circumstances, you will avoid the term 'trickle-down' now that the snow-melt of the Andes and the Sierras, the Himalayas and even Mount Kilimanjaro can no longer sustain the people of the valleys and plains below?)

I will spare you further questions, on topics such as archaeology, wildlife, hydrology, induced traffic, demand management, the application of 'smart' traffic management, travel plans for popular destinations and levelling up N-S investment that many others will have asked already and to which you have all the answers.

I await the reply you have already written:

Dear Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr. Other, delete as appropriate, Insert name,
Thank you for taking the trouble to respond to the consultation. Every submission is carefully considered and fed into the decision-making process so that we can build the best possible tunnels as part of the ongoing process of enhancing the World Heritage Site experience. We will let you know when we have decided to do what we decided to do in the first place.

Yours etc

Patrick Kinnersly

