From:
To: A303 Stonehenge

Subject: A303 Redetermination response
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Dear Secretary of State,

Please consider my view in your redetermination. I have worked in conservation of habitats and species for 25 years and know the area around Stonehenge well.

Do you really want to be the one who sets a precedent for this type of destruction to the countryside? We are at a point in history where we must lock-up carbon, note release it. It is critical that we must protect our permanent grasslands, not destroy them. We must protect our precious and dwindling habitats and species.

If you allow this to go through now - what does that say out Government? It says that our Government is not worried about the two biggest threats to our planet and very existence; the biodiversity crisis and the climate crisis.

Please think about the future of our children and grand children - what world will they grow up in if we start to allow this type of development to happen? Yes the A303 has its traffic issues, but we have all lived with them for a very long time now - the damage to the WHS was done when the A3030 was built through it - but we do not need to destroy it further. Is all this cost of tax payers money and cost to the environment really worth it so that holiday makers can get to the south quicker? I think you know that is a very short-sighted attitude. There are many far more worthy causes for the use of the money that would be spent on this project.

Please re-examine the Development Consent Order. Since the Examination closed, concern for climate change has escalated with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would. To compliment this the Environment Act 2021 has set out new ambitions around nature recovery.

Please do the right thing.

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