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Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask you to re-examine the Development Consent Order for the A303 Stonehenge tunnel. I am a professional archaeologist and am extremely concerned by the intended destruction of such an important archaeological landscape. Stonehenge is at present a recognised UNESCO World Heritage Site, probably the most important archaeological one in the UK, however the 2021 World Heritage Committee have expressed their deep concerns with the proposed works and it is possible that if the 3km tunnel is dug Stonehenge will lose this status. The archaeological site, of which Stonehenge is only one component, actually stretches for 5.4km. A 3km tunnel will destroy a large piece of this site. I have known many archaeologists who have worked in this landscape over the years, without exception we are all horrified by the current plan.

Furthermore, considering the climate crisis which we are experiencing the current proposed plans seem to have taken no account of the Government's own Environment Act 2021, which seeks to aid the recovery of the natural environment. The current scheme ignores all environmental considerations and has not looked at more creative alternative solutions.

Finally, the costings initially given for the scheme are now extremely out-dated. The world has changed; material, labour and energy costs have changed dramatically, as have understandings of actual environmental costs. I do not want my daughter and any future grandchildren to have to pay for a destructive, poorly conceived, and outrageously expensive 3km tunnel through one of the world's most important archaeological landscapes.

So, in conclusion, I am asking you to allow an independent panel to re-examine this scheme before the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.

Yours faithfully,

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