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Subject: URGENT: objection to A303 Stonehenge expansion
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My name is Imogen Baines, a UK resident and an extremely concerned citizen/young person, terrified for my future. I am writing to you to state my objection to the A303 road plan at Stonehenge. This would cut through another significant amount of important, ancient, green land (a WHS). With the plans being ruled unlawful by a recent high court hearing.

Not only will this destructive expansion lead to increased traffic and carbon emissions in the area. This will also go directly against the governments pledge to protect at least 30% of our natural spaces here in the UK. Which act as a huge carbon capture site and host countless protected wildlife, rare habitats and ancient landscapes such as that of Stonehenge. Due to the climate emergency, such spaces are in decline from continued destruction and influence the continued collapse of our ecosystems which support and sustain life. Without such systems, which this scheme would further destroy, we further tarnish my generations chance at a liveable future. As well as those who come after us. This is completely disregarding my generations lives and throwing our futures away for profit. It is heartbreaking to see the continued destruction and utter carelessness with which our planet is being treated.

When we find ourselves in such an extreme crisis, which from the latest IPCC report, threatens a liveable future on this planet. We so desperately need to reduce emissions which are ever increasing, and this scheme would only seek to cause further feckless destruction in such an important and crucial time. Putting us all at further risk and going against irrefutable scientific evidence.

In addition, such an expansion is not only dangerous, but also undemocratic. As this goes against thousands who would be utterly heartbroken to see such destructive and damaging plans go ahead. This in turn, would undoubtedly, have an immense negative impact on the health thousands. Who cherish such spaces that this scheme would seek to destroy. The site of Stonehenge is an ancient treasure. Yet it is during the time of our generation that it may be recklessly destroyed for short term profit. This is devastating, careless and frankly amoral. Surely, we do not want to be the generation that destroyed all we could. Leaving no natural beauty and sites of historical importance, as well as a liveable planet, for future generation. For the young people who are alive today and terrified at the governments continued trashing of our futures.

Therefore, the physical, mental, environmental and frankly moral costs of this scheme, far outweigh any short term profit benefits. Which are in themselves, low value and destructive. As a young person extremely concerned for their

future, I ask you to please consider my views. I understand it can be easy to dismiss this. The thought that one more bit of land (but one deemed a WHS) would not matter. But this is incredibly dangerous. With the current state of our world, we should be doing all we can to safeguard our futures and those of the children who will inherit the world we make now. Such destructive plans which go against the majority wishes and causes further destruction to the natural world, of which we depend on to survive, this is unjustifiable.

So we please urge you to execute not only diplomacy, but humanity, and recognise the needless destruction plans such as these can cause. With devastating costs to the environment, the health and livelihood of residents and those around the area, and worsens the already extreme climate emergency we already finds ourselves in, with only a brief window of time to secure a liveable future as outlined by the IPCC.

I urge you to please consider my views. To work with the people rather than against them. For all our sakes. Thank you.

Regards,

Miss Imogen Baines