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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: URGENT: objection to A303 Stonehenge road plan
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Dear Planning Committee,

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of the UK and young person terrified for their future, regarding the plans to destroy the treasured area of Stonehenge with the A303 road expansion. Not only are thousands shocked that our Government has decided to ignore the decisions of the World Heritage Committee and intends to proceed with the highly damaging A303 Stonehenge road scheme. But incredibly ashamed at this action as this would cause significant harm to the Stonehenge World Heritage Site (WHS). The decision to grant a Development Consent Order was declared unlawful following a recent High Court hearing. Therefore, these destructive and feckless plans should not be allowed to go ahead, or even contemplated.

If such destructive plans are to go ahead, this is not only to disregard the advice of the World Heritage Centre and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) following their advisory mission reports for Stonehenge WHS. But also overrides the recommendations of the UK Government's own Examination Panel that said the scheme should not go ahead because it would do "substantial harm to the significance of the designated heritage asset".

No road scheme should be permitted to cause further damage to the WHS, which is agreed by UNESCO and our Government, to be a "landscape without parallel". I urge UNESCO's World Heritage Centre and the World Heritage Committee to continue to speak up for our highly valued WHS. I would be horrified if this damaging road scheme were to be built leading to the possibility of its World Heritage status being withdrawn. Additionally, the road expansions would add considerable more pollution into the atmosphere and an important natural area, at a time when the IPCC has released its latest report stating we only have a short window of (closing) time to secure a liveable future on this planet and to therefore lower emissions as best we can. To go against this and approve such reckless, unlawful, plans is not only heartbreaking but reckless and would demonstrate just how out of touch some are with the existential emergency we are currently in. Please, we urge you to object these plans and refuse to add to the the current reckless decimation of our planet and treasured historical sites. Surely, we cannot be the generation responsible for tarnishing such ancient treasures? Especially facing the biggest threat to humanity in the form of the climate emergency. I hope you take all of our views into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Imogen Baines