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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: A303 Road Widening Scheme Review
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Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

I am writing to object, in the strongest terms, to the proposed A303 Road Widening Scheme affecting the Stonehenge World Heritage Site and the wider heritage landscape.

This is an unparalleled heritage landscape of global importance and value. It has already been substantially damaged by human civil engineering impacts. The current development proposal would substantially and permanently harm the integrity of the World Heritage Site by, for example:

1. Introducing huge motorway scale civil engineering that would dwarf the heritage landscape components including Stonehenge.
2. Alter land levels permanently destroying the visual links between heritage landscape components making it impossible for future generations to view and understand them.
3. Physically destroy landscape and heritage features and artifacts within the World Heritage Site in the course of constructing cuttings and a 3km long tunnel within a World Heritage Site that is 5.4km wide.

Before the Secretary of State redetermines the Application for A303 Road Widening I believe it is important that he takes account of the following:

1. The 2021 World Heritage Decision that the if A303 improvement scheme is a potential threat to the World Heritage Site and, should consent be given, the Site will be added to the List of World Heritage in Danger.
2. The recent IPPC report urging reduction of carbon emissions. The proposed scheme would increase carbon emissions.
3. The Environment Act 2021 regarding nature recovery
4. National Highways has not updated construction costs or carbon assessment costs.
5. National Highways has not fully assessed alternative routes or alternatives to hard engineering.
6. The World Heritage Site Management Plan which refers to extending the WSP to the north and west into areas which would be impacted by the Longbarrow Junction.

My opinion is that a bypass which is further south would prevent massive permanent damage to the World Heritage Site and the wider historic contextual environment. It would provide opportunities to repair damage to the World Heritage Site, for example by closing and removing the section of the A303 affecting it. Such improvements would promote a wider aesthetic, historical and spiritual experience and understanding for people all over the world and in the future. It would be an achievement the UK could be truly proud of.

It is the responsibility of the United Kingdom to preserve and enhance this World Heritage Site and to protect it from profound irreversible damage. I think it is also very important to recognise the value of the contextual heritage landscape adjacent to it. On this basis I entreat the Secretary of State to prevent this Application from going ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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