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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Road works proposed in the area of the Stonehenge Heritage Site.
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Dear Sirs, Madam/s,

I read of the proposals by National Highways to undertake road widening and/or similar in the immediate vicinity of the Stonehenge Heritage Site and feel seriously concerned that the proposal as is or similar will have serious, long lasting and irreversible effects upon the Stonehenge Heritage Site and it's wellbeing.

It is for this reason I wish to formally OBJECT to this proposal in it's entirety and recommend it be scrapped.

It would seem that the whole proposal has NOT been thoroughly considered from the viewpoint of the fact that this unique area is simply that - unique. It might be considered so for a number of reason and as a consequence any ROAD ADJUSTMENT/WIDENING which might in essence be a marked improvement should be considered in a much greater sense - meaning that the entire proposal and therefore road plan should be adjusted to completely miss/bypass this unique and valuable part of our Historical Existence.

ALTERNATIVES:- The current proposal has brought forth no alternatives to reduce any/all impact/s on the Stonehenge site and this recommendation is that ONLY ALTERNATIVES to the current Plan should EVEN BE CONSIDERED. Moreover that these Plans must miss the entire site by a suitable margin to ensure that there is NO compromise to the future of Stonehenge either by accident or design.

POLICY:- Unfortunately this writer does not have sufficiently complete knowledge of all/any Policies that might apply to this proposal and therefore is unable to comment further on this aspect. The only Policy which might be brought to bear could be an Environmental one. In this case, if it were to be so, all and any reduction to Environmental damage must be of the highest priority.

CARBON:- A very important issue to be considered in the current Political climate. Any adverse effects of excess 'carbon release' should be avoided to the point that the entire scheme might be put on hold until suitable alternatives could be determined. It is appreciated that it is not only the use of motor vehicles visiting or passing the site that should be considered but also any relating to the building of a new or replacement infrastructure for the area.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION:- This is a subject that requires particular attention with regard to the issues that it's title describes. Any widening/road adjustments will have a detrimental effect on the surroundings simply due to the disruption caused by the physics of the scheme itself. It is vital that ALL PROPOSALS be considered with regard to the serious Environmental damage that will be occasioned to the area and all means should be adopted to reduce this impact whichever scheme is put forward. This should pay particular attention to A). possible detriment to the Stonehenge area itself and B). any other scheme's effect on the nearby environment. In other words, a scheme that ran closer to neighbouring works, be they by way of existing roads/area of housing may be inherently better for the overall impact on the environment than one that cut a new unrelated path. By existIng works the area of Stonehenge itself SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE CONSIDERED as acceptable as suggested above.

Indeed as the Environment Act 2021 has set new ambitions relating to nature recovery these should have a major contribution towards whether such a scheme of any kind should be allowed. These ambitions hopefully, should lean heavily towards protection of, not only the entire Stonehenge Site but also any other detriment to other nearby surroundings.

For these reasons I would therefore ask for any determination to include a 'Re-Examination any Development Consent Order' applicable.

Many thanks for your time to read and consider these and other arguments AGAINST this and/or similar proposals.

Jonathan Stephen Brooks of:-

