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To:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Review the A303 Stonehenge road widening scheme

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To the Secretary of State for Transport,

You need to make a new decision on the Stonehenge road scheme and fast.

You must be aware of the world-wide interest in and importance of Stonehenge and the surrounding areas. What are a few million pounds for locating a highway distant from Stonehenge and associated historical districts? Don't come the raw prawn of convenience for motorists. These will pass through on and off, but damage to the monument would be permanent. Additionally, have you checked with the archeologists, historians and scientists as to what might be beneath Stonehenge and is yet to be discovered? Even some of the media "know alls" have added their thruppence worth to move the road well away from Stonehenge.

I don't fit any of the above categories. I'm just a worried member of society whose main interest is in the protection of ancient monuments, of which Stonehenge is at the top.

Please, Secretary of State for Transport and members of the National Highways committee, review the current decision to tunnel under Stonehenge.

- * Consider a package of alternative measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West via a southern by-pass which would be cheaper than the proposed tunnel which in its turn is too short.
- * Take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them. Any new Stonehenge road scheme sends additional chemicals in emissions which could further erode the surface of the stones.
 - * It's not a small thing, but safeguarding this important World Heritage Site is vital.

In my opinion the omission on current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and new information since the Examination closed in October 2019 are compelling grounds for a re-examination by an independent panel BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Missy Tobin.