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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Threat to the stonehenge site by works on the A303
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Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

I am very concerned about the proposed scheme for upgrading the A303 by major road works through the Stonehenge site with the potential for damage and disruption to this world class historical site.

It never ceases to amaze me what the Victorians did to ancient churches when they modernised them with no respect at all for the history they destroyed for their own vision of what was important and fashionable in their day. I suggest you may be in the process of doing exactly the same thing on a vast scale; actions which will be looked back on in centuries to come as blinkered and showing no respect for priceless ancient relics.

As I live in Salisbury I am fully aware of the problems with the A303 and it would be a delight to have a road which flowed more freely; or easy to use alternatives which removed the necessity to drive along it. Alternatives to the current proposal may be more difficult and the financial cost may be higher; but it is impossible to put a price on an ancient historic site like Stonehenge and its surroundings. Therefore whatever the extra cost it will still not surpass the value of the Stonehenge site.

Much of the UK road system is heavily congested. As we move towards a carbon neutral future can I suggest that more effort be made to create a more efficient and affordable public transport system instead of everyone swapping to EV and keeping vehicle numbers the same. This would obviously cost a large amount; but the A303 scheme is going to have a very high cost. I therefore urge you to use a multifaceted solution to the A303 congestion which includes reducing the number of cars using it by creating cost effective alternatives to private cars driving along it.

Yours sincerely,

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