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Let's face it, a public consultation into anything is merely a way for the government to suggest that they listen to public opinion and are influenced by it. This is, of course, nonsense. The government decides it wants to allow something to be built, and any accompanying consultation is irrelevant and a waste of taxpayers' money.

In the case of the A303 tunnelling (and other road projects), I am disgusted that the government feels it is appropriate to spend billions building more roads when it fails to repair the ones we already have, resulting in much damage to many motor vehicles. I have found driving now much more dangerous as one has to look at the road right in front of the vehicle as well as looking down the road for potential obstacles.

Also, with the extreme national debt incurred as a result of the absurd COVID restrictions, it is insane to continue wasting money on new roads, which encourages more people to make more motor vehicle journeys more frequently and at greater speed. New roads destroy valuable arable land (and we already import some 50% of our food and 80% of our timber) and rapidly diminishing wildlife and wildlife habitats.

I despair!

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