Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am emailing to object strongly to the proposal to dig a tunnel under Stonehenge.

Stonehenge is classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Its builders went to great efforts, without modern equipment, to bring stones from hundreds of miles away and to build a structure through which the sun shines on only two days each year, the summer solstice and the winter solstice. The builders may have used it at the midwinter solstice to reassure themselves that it was the shortest day of the year and that the days would begin to lengthen.

Stonehenge has stood for several thousand years and has suffered very little damage in that time. A tunnel underneath it would damage anything which its builders may have buried there. It might also cause the stones to subside.

If Stonehenge is causing traffic congestion on the A303, the sensible remedy would be to divert the A303 in a wide semicircle around the ancient monument.

Yours sincerely, Ruth Bradshaw.

