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In response to your invitation to interested parties subsequent to your latest comments on UNESCO's Advisory Mission report on the A303 tunnel proposal, I am writing in support of that report. In particular I support UNESCO's suggestion that a southern bypass option to be further explored as this would have the least impact on the OUV (outstanding universal value) of the broader heritage landscape which should be protected at all costs – including if it means adopting a more expensive option.

The OUV of the broader Stonehenge environment is simply beyond any price tag that any such scheme might cost and is of international importance in terms of those who study the history of the landscape, its monuments, and the movement of ancient peoples within it. If a cheaper, but destructive, option is taken, future history will not look kindly on those who determined the course of action taken. We see this type of impact now with the loss of many other historic sites around the world, including deliberate destruction of priceless sites in the Middle East. While the reasons for such destruction of the past may be vastly different from that behind the A303 proposal, the outcome will be the same, and the broad condemnation also.

Surely, we are better than this; surely, we value our history better than this. Surely, we have a broader sense of the importance of our prehistory in the story of human occupation of our planet than would be exhibited if the destructive tunnel proposal went through.

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