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Secretary of State for Transport

Dear Mrs Trevelyan

I live near Salisbury and am a frequent visitor to Stonehenge. I am well aware how frustrating it can be travelling to Devon and being caught up in time wasting traffic delays but I cannot accept the present plan to overcome the problem.

I have followed the arguments about this road for some forty years but I am convinced that the proposed tunnel cutting through the Stonehenge Landscape risks depriving the world community of valuable archeological finds and hence depriving us all of knowledge and increased understanding of our early history.

I have looked at the recent UNESCO Advisory Mission Report following their April visit. Rightly they highlight our UK obligation to protect the Outstanding Universal Value of the site which must surely mean abandoning the "short" tunnel proposal and looking again at a way to remove the road from the Stonehenge Landscape altogether.

Digging in the area would be bound to lead to archeological finds requiring lengthy salvage and mitigation and thus endless delays - all of which could be avoided by finding an alternative route.

I attended National Highways consultation caravan in Salisbury this summer and found that they had nothing new to add although an enormous injection of cash over and above the already huge projected outlay could possibly make the impact of the tunnel less disastrous.

Please reconsider this whole scheme which has already been rejected by so many.

I understand that the High Court found that Mr Shapps had not sufficiently considered alternatives, please take on that responsibility and certainly do not risk the loss of World Heritage Status for our prime and critically important archeological site.

Yours sincerely

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