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To whom it may concern:

I object once again to the proposed desecration around Stonehenge and the idea of funding it now, when the country is sinking into debt on every front is outrageous.

There is already a fast route to the south west via the M4/M5. The M3 / A 303 route is preferred by second home owners who live that side of London. In my experience, many of them travel on a Friday evening and hurtle down the 303 at well over the speed limit. Are these the people with money and influence lobbying for an even faster route to their weekends away?

The proposed tunnel would be vandalism of a WHS and would not have much benefit overall: shortly after Stonehenge, the road twists and turns its way to the Blackdown Hills. There the road runs through woodland on the edge of a very steep escarpment - I would judge that impossible to by-pass ever!

Heavy commercial vehicles already prefer the M4 /M5 route to the South West, so this is not a proposal based on benefit to commerce.

Mr Schapps has already wasted millions of pounds on creating smart motorways - a dangerous and foolish idea that I first spotted on the M42 in the West Midlands being trialed years ago. Now considered opinion is to scrap these! If the new government proceeds with the tunnel at Stonehenge the fall-out will be greater and the archeological damage irreversible! Stonehenge could lose it's WHS status.

Aside from the sheer ignorant vandalism behind this idea (on which a great deal of time and money has already been wasted) where is your consideration of the need take steps to mitigate the effects of traffic pollution on climate change? Public opinion is (slowly) changing as people begin to see and understand the real dangers to health and the planet of the way we have been living.

There was never a good time to instigate this dreadful scheme: you may have been thanked for it by some 20 years ago. Now, if it goes ahead, you will be condemned by the environmentalists, the poor struggling with fuel and food poverty and those who respect the importance of the Stonehenge WHS.

Please cancel this now!

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