From:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: FAO Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP - Report of the Advisory Mission

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Dear Minister

We would like to support the findings in the report of the Advisory Mission re a short tunnel on the A303 at Stonehenge. This disgraceful waste of time, energy and money during a declared Climate Emergency has gone on long enough.

National Highways have nothing new to bring to the table and have just repeated their earlier arguments in an effort to justify a scheme which is quite clearly unacceptable to UNESCO and was also unacceptable to the previous transport minister. Whilst of course you will need to make up your own mind, may we respectfully request that you stand up for our heritage and our future and send NH back to the drawing board, or better still make some effort to put right the wrongs of their past (and force them to use public transport!). We really do need 21st Century solutions to transport not just follow the late Mrs Thatcher with predict and provide (as even she had to admit that it had been an expensive mistake) which will lead to yet more selling of the family silver to get us out a financial hole.

You might like to take another look at the A303 so called improvements between Sparkford and Podimore and once you get confirmation of journey times take some time to consider if that scheme (which has compulsorily purchased land and homes over 15 years ago) was worth the funds and the CO2. We understand from those living with the blight of this scheme that the route has been changed yet again and that it is way beyond budget. That scheme will also not stop queuing as it runs for just a short distance between roundabouts and is supposed to have another junction to feed the villages and the traffic not moving from Wincanton to Ilminster.

With all good wishes

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