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A303 Stonehenge

Cc: Proposed Tunnel

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Dear Sirs.

With reference to representations already made against the proposed short tunnel for the A303 under part of the Stonehenge site, I urge you to bring the following to the attention of the new Secretary of State for Transport before the end of the consultation period in a few days.

The extent of the hidden prehistoric works surrounding Stonehenge is still being discovered but has not been taken into account in the proposals for only a short tunnel for the A303. It is clear that the proposed tunnel will destroy much of what has been recently discovered.

The full extent of what is still not exposed emphasises the world wide unique nature of the site.

Arguments that a longer tunnel than currently proposed would deprive motorists of even a brief view of the Stones is spurious. Any view that might be obtained at present is at the cost of congestion and in reality amounts to nothing more than the briefest of glimpses.

We have to recognise that the importance and knowledge of the site is fundamentally different from what we grew up with. When friends and I first visited it in 1953, Stonehenge stood in an open field; we were the only visitors and lent our bicycles against a stone while we sat on another to eat our sandwiches.

I hope the Secretary of State will recognise that the full extent of the site now discoverable by modern technology and its worldwide significance justifies - indeed demands - full preservation.

Yours, David Ambrose.

