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## Dear Sir or Madam.

In all honesty I do not know why this proposed tunnel has not been stopped in its tracks long ago. The project appears to be totally ill thought out by the then Transport Secretary Mr Shapps who was determined to push this through with no thought or consideration for what anyone thought or the dreadful impact it would have and closed his mind to alternatives. Fortunately we now have a different Secretary who (might) just listen.

The negative impact of this tunnel, together with the work to build it will have on what is one of Britain's most important heritage sites will be both irreversible and catastrophic. It will not enhance the character of the area in keeping with planning laws but be an eyesore and therefore a blight on the landscape.

It appears there is an alternative available of building a route to the South which I'm informed would involve more expenditure. This should never be a consideration or factor when protection of such an important site is involved.

No other civilised country would even consider putting a road through or tunnel within such close proximity of their sites of national interest. Could you imagine how Egypt's Government would react if such a proposal to carry out this type of project was within sight of the pyramids. It would never get off the ground. No Government anywhere would allow desecration of their heritage sites. The only country that would even give it a hearing is unfortunately here in silly Britain.

When there exists feasible and viable alternatives they should be taken up, not ignored, or in this case put down to cost. I submit that this ill conceived project breaks relevant planning regulations and therefore should not be permitted to proceed.

Kind regards. Richard Warren.