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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Stonehenge A303 road scheme
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Dear Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Transport Secretary

I am writing regarding Points concerning UNESCO's Advisory Mission report on the Stonehenge World Heritage Site

I am sad that these days in Britain so many protestors are written off as being fringe or labelled as extremist in some way.

The reason I want to protest against the proposed current road plans for Stonehenge are all the ones listed below, but also from a personal point of view.

In my childhood I visited Stonehenge, through young adult years I would visit friends nearby. The site lives deep in my cultural history, the books the feeling of habitation and travel, gatherings of People's over such vast tracts of time has immense resonance in our psyche.

The volume of traffic and the growth of our population are a huge pressure on the earth. At a time when we are being challenged as never before to come up with creative responses fossil fuel use and the unsustainable increase in traffic, is building this road in this way really what this government wants to support. The lack of soul or stepping back and looking at the bigger picture is what is killing this country. Why do we have such massive rates of depression and anxiety amongst all ages of our population. Partly it is the despair and powerless people feel at schemes like this that are driven by mechanistic thinking and lack any real connection to meaning for us as individuals or an interconnected group of people's across time and place.

For the above and following reasons I ask you review the A303 road scheme.

– I am aware of the Advisory Mission report and agree with its principal finding, i.e. that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the OUV of the WHS and that a southern bypass should be further explored.

– The Mission admitted that at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary.

– National Highways has simply reiterated many of the arguments it has raised previously to justify a scheme which is clearly unacceptable to:

- Government's independent specialist examiners,
- UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, and
- the former Transport Secretary himself who agreed with the examining panel that the scheme would be "significantly adverse" overall.

- The High Court judgment quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives.
- National Highways’ response fails to alleviate any of the above concerns.
- I continue to object to the proposals and hope that the scheme will be abandoned.
- Should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with the scheme, I trust that it will be subject of another formal public Examination so that all of the new information submitted by National Highways and others since 2020 may be fully and openly discussed, and taken into account and advised upon by the Government’s independent Planning Inspectorate.

Regards

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