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**To the Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP**

I travel regularly to the Southwest from Surrey, using the A303. I am familiar with its congestion problems first hand. But the current Stonehenge Road Scheme provides no answer: it has been comprehensively rejected by experts as damaging to the site. It is my understanding that the Scheme has been rejected by 5 planning inspectors, by UNESCO, that the high court quashed planning permission, and that over 200000 people from all over the world have objected. The former Transport Secretary agreed with the examining panel that the scheme would be “significantly adverse” overall.

Stonehenge is probably the most famous megalithic site in the world, and is meant to be held in collective trust, 'belonging to all the peoples of the world, irrespective of the territory on which they are located', and is **legally protected by international treaty**. It would be a spectacular own goal to undermine this status with a road scheme that has been so carefully evaluated and found to be damaging. The national Highways proposals have been rejected by the report of UNESCO's Advisory Mission, which recommends alternative ways forward, such as a southern bypass option. Expert opinion, from UNESCO's experts and the UK's own academic experts, is that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the site and that a southern bypass should be further explored. Refusal to accept this verdict sends a strong message that the UK Government is prepared to undermine the protection of World Heritage Sites on its territory.

The new Government's agenda of planning for growth is a temporary phenomenon - World Heritage Sites are supposed to be protected for the people of the world and for future generations, not subject to passing UK Government priorities.

I am disappointed that a scheme that has been so thoroughly discredited should once again be up for review, and I object to the proposals.

Your faithfully,

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