From:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Objection to Proposed scheme to tunnel under Stonehenge World Heritage Site

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Dear Madam Transport Secretary

Please reconsider your Department's intention to tunnel under Stonehenge in order to speed traffic on the A303.

Five government planning inspectors have already rejected the scheme. As has the Unesco Advisory Mission. I have read the report of the Advisory Mission and agree with its principal finding that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the World Heritage Site and that a southern bypass should be further explored.

I note that your Department's plan has already been quashed by the High Court because not enough consideration had been given to the less damaging alternatives proposed.

At the very least, any tunnel should be longer and deeper to avoid destruction of the millennia of history buried beneath the World Heritage Site.

I appreciate that the A303 does not cope with current traffic levels - the last time I saw Stonehenge it was from a traffic jam. Perhaps you could persuade one of the oil production companies to greenwash its untaxed windfall profits by paying for the road's diversion.

I see no reason why this government's policies should include destruction of our national heritage which they claim to be trying to protect.

Yours sincerely Fiona Barnard (Mrs)