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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Proposals for a tunnel at Stonehenge
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Dear Mrs Trevelyan,

As a resident of Salisbury I am well aware of the traffic problems that regularly occur on the A303 in the environs of Stonehenge. There is clearly a need to provide a solution to these problems but I am very concerned by the proposal to build a tunnel that cuts into such an historic landscape.

I have read the report of the UNESCO Advisory Mission and agree with its principal finding, i.e. that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site and that a southern bypass should be further explored. In the event that this is not feasible at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary.

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

- The 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.

Partly as a result of the Government not giving proper consideration to alternatives The High Court quashed the Development Consent Order for the tunnel scheme. Should this scheme go ahead in its current guise it will be of massive detriment to our historical heritage, the archaeology of the site and our national image as there is a very real chance that UNESCO would strip the site of its World Heritage status. The generations to come will judge the decisions and actions taken and creating a scar on a treasured and significant piece of British history would likely be viewed unfavourably.

For the reasons outlined above I object to the proposals and hope that the scheme will be abandoned. Should you 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. All possible avenues need to be explored to protect the site and if the impediments to alternative proposals are purely financial then more creative thinking eg. making up a shortfall in funds through crowdfunding, needs to be considered.

Yours sincerely,

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