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Mr Richard Price
Case Officer A303 Stonehenge - Planning Inspectorate
Via email to richard.price@pins.gsi.gov.uk and A303Stonehenge@pins.gsi.gov.uk

Dear Richard.

<u>Procedural Advise Request – regarding the application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down</u>

I write in my capacity as chairman of the board of trustees of the Amesbury Museum and Heritage Trust charity, who's objects include "the preservation of building or sites of historical or architectural importance". The charitable trust operates within the landscape in which Stonehenge and the World Heritage Site sits and it operates within the strict guidance and rules of the charity commission.

I am writing to seek procedural advice relating to the imminent application for Development Consent Order for the construction of a tunnel within the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge.

The Trust is aware that Highways England seeks the approval to build a tunnel alongside the stone circle of Stonehenge. But we are also aware that the conditions of the gift of Stonehenge to the Nation on October 26th 1918 by Cecil and Mary Chubb, included restricted covenants brought forward from the conveyance of the purchase to the Chubb's of the said site in 1915 by Sir Cosmo Antrobus (Vendor).

The trust believes that the proposal being brought forward for development consent order will impact a restricted covenant, the breach of which would be prejudicial to the integrity of the stone circle and bring to question the intent of the gift to the Nation. The parcel of land for which the conveyance relates has not been formally registered with Land Registry and we seek clarity in the public interest to how this matter will be dealt with in the planning process.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Rhind-Tutt

Chairman of the Amesbury Museum and Heritage Trust