

STONEHENGE ALLIANCE PRESS RELEASE

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The Stonehenge Alliance remains concerned that any tunnelling of the A303 at Stonehenge should not fall short of what is needed to protect the World Heritage Site (WHS) and its setting from irreparable damage.

We note that this concern is shared by the UK body of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS-UK), advisers to UNESCO on World Heritage Sites (WHS) in the United Kingdom.

We trust that the proposal for a bored tunnel of “at least 1.8 miles” allows scope for the investigation of a considerably longer tunnel that would protect the whole WHS, in line with the Government’s duty as signatory to the World Heritage Convention.

Kate Fielden, Hon Sec to the Stonehenge Alliance, said today:

“If the WHS is threatened with damage arising from construction of grade separated junctions and dual carriageways with deep cuttings to tunnel portals, there is a risk that Stonehenge, together with Avebury, would lose its international designation. Should this happen, our Government would be vilified by present and future generations for its infamous disregard for the surroundings of a World famous icon.”

Notes

- (i) The Stonehenge Alliance is supported by:
 - Ancient Sacred Landscape Network;
 - Campaign for Better Transport;
 - Campaign to Protect Rural England;
 - Friends of the Earth; and
 - RESCUE: The British Archaeological Trust

- (ii) The Stonehenge Alliance has a 38 Degrees petition at <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-stonehenge-world-heritage-site>

- (iii) The Stonehenge Alliance has a facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stonehengealliance?fref=nf>