

# STONEHENGE ALLIANCE PRESS RELEASE

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## TV historian joins campaigners against Stonehenge tunnel

Broadcaster and award-winning historian Tom Holland plans to join campaigners protesting against the proposal for a destructive road tunnel through Stonehenge World Heritage Site.

Members of the Stonehenge Alliance<sup>1</sup> will meet at the British Museum at 4pm on Wednesday 25 February, to begin a series of protests against plans to carve a short A303 road tunnel into the World Heritage Site.

The Alliance will be targeting popular heritage attractions throughout the spring and summer to draw the attention of visitors to the threat facing Stonehenge.

Tom Holland said:

"Britain's most celebrated archaeological site should not be offered up as a sacrifice on the altar of electioneering".

Kate Fielden of the Stonehenge Alliance said:

"People from all over the world have been in touch with us to say how shocked they are by what the British government is proposing".

"We are encouraging people to sign our petition<sup>2</sup> and to write to UNESCO, which oversees World Heritage Sites, and to the National Trust, owners of land at Stonehenge, expressing their opposition to the proposal. The Trust declared itself opposed to a short tunnel in the Stonehenge World Heritage Site in 2004 but is now supporting the plans. They need to hear the growing clamour against this betrayal of the values of the World Heritage Convention."<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 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. [www.facebook.com/stonehengealliance](http://www.facebook.com/stonehengealliance); [www.twitter.com/savestonehenge](http://www.twitter.com/savestonehenge); @savestonehenge.

<sup>2</sup> <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-stonehenge-world-heritage-site> (UK); <http://chn.ge/1wRr0lp> (global)

<sup>3</sup> Article 4 of the World Heritage Convention reads: "Each State Party to this Convention recognizes that the duty of ensuring the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations of the cultural and natural heritage referred to in [Articles 1](#) and [2](#) and situated on its territory, belongs primarily to that State. It will do all it can to this end, to the utmost of its own resources and, where appropriate, with any international assistance and co-operation, in particular, financial, artistic, scientific and technical, which it may be able to obtain."  
(<http://whc.unesco.org/en/conventiontext/>)