

# Save Stonehenge World Heritage Site



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## *Sign the petition!*

The Government plans to spend £2 billion widening the A303 to the South West. This road crosses the iconic Stonehenge World Heritage Site (WHS), considered “the most archaeologically significant land surface in Europe” and agreed by UNESCO to be “without parallel”. The WHS, revered by over 100 generations of our ancestors, extends beyond the horizons around the Stones and holds many secrets yet to be discovered.

The Government wants to put the A303 in a 2.9 km tunnel where it passes the Stones. While this sounds good, it would result in tunnel cuttings and at least 1.6 km of new dual carriageway within the WHS, causing massive destruction of archaeology.

If A303 widening at Stonehenge is felt to be essential it should be done by means of a deep bored tunnel at least 4.5km long. Anything shorter would cause irreparable damage to this landscape, in breach of the World Heritage Convention.

*In the UK, sign:*

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Outside the UK: visit [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) (the petitions are linked)

# Contact UNESCO today!

(UNESCO monitors World Heritage Sites)

Urge UNESCO to intervene to demand that if the A303 is widened it must go in a tunnel at least 4.5km long and there must be no further damage to the World Heritage Site.

**Please write to:** Ms Petya Totcharova, Chief of Europe & North America Unit:

Post: UNESCO World Heritage Centre, 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris, France

Email: [P.Totcharova@unesco.org](mailto:P.Totcharova@unesco.org)

**Copying your letter to:**

Regina Durighello, Head of World Heritage Unit: [regina.durighello@icomos.org](mailto:regina.durighello@icomos.org)

Peter Marsden, Chair of World Heritage Committee: [admin@icomos-uk.org](mailto:admin@icomos-uk.org)

## Ask the National Trust to stand up for Stonehenge!

Surely the National Trust exists to safeguard our most cherished landscapes against such vandalism? But no - the Trust has stated that "a tunnel of 2.9km may bring significant benefits", providing a solution that is "both affordable and deliverable" and will be "significantly improving a major transport link for the South West".

Is it really the role of the National Trust to facilitate road building? Or to compromise a World Heritage Site on the grounds of "affordability"?

**Please write to:** Dame Helen Ghosh, Director-General, National Trust:

Post: Heelis, Kemble Drive, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN2 2NA

Email: (her PA) [Lorraine.Robertson@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:Lorraine.Robertson@nationaltrust.org.uk)

And ask the National Trust to think again:

- The Trust should affirm the principle of no more damage to the World Heritage Site which should not be sacrificed to resolve a part-time traffic jam
- The Trust should not have made a decision before an Environmental Impact Assessment of all potential options had been carried out



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