

## **THE STONEHENGE ALLIANCE**

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The Rt. Hon. Patrick McLoughlin, MP  
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Sent by email on 10 December 2014

Dear Secretary of State,

### **Stonehenge and the A303**

Thank you for your letter of 28 November. We have now heard the Government's announcement of proposals for prioritising widening of the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down, to include a 2.9km bored tunnel under the Stonehenge World Heritage Site.

Dr Fielden, a Stonehenge Alliance member, attended two meetings of your Department's A303/A30/A358 Corridor Feasibility Study Group, representing CPRE Wiltshire Branch. We are grateful for cost estimates for a 4.5km tunnel given at the meeting in early November.

We share Dr Fielden's concerns, however, that the notes of the November meeting omitted information on estimated costs and values for money for the various schemes put forward along the corridor route. She has now asked for these to be included, since they might provide a better record of the decision-making process.

We are pleased that you are keen to find a way forward for the A303 at Stonehenge that reconciles the internationally important historic environment surrounding Stonehenge with the economic role of the A303 and the conditions experienced by motorists and local communities. We appreciate that this would require all of these needs to be met and none of them at the expense of protection of the WHS.

It is good to learn that further work is to be undertaken with relevant bodies and stakeholders, including ICOMOS-UK and UNESCO's World Heritage Committee. We would be grateful if you should consider inviting a representative of the Stonehenge Alliance to participate. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman, the Stonehenge Alliance

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