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*Dear Mr. McDonic,*

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 March and 19 April, to the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon David Cameron MP, about the Stonehenge World Heritage Site and the proposals for the A303. Your letter has been passed to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport as this issue falls within the Department's policy remit. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

The Government is in the process of considering a variety of options for the A303 road scheme, including tunnels of various lengths and with a variety of potential portal locations. No decision has been taken, and there will be a full and inclusive public consultation on the options in early 2017. As you are aware, all stakeholders are committed to preserving the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site.

Officials at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport offered in July last year to meet you and your colleagues to discuss your concerns. This offer still stands and officials are more than willing to meet to discuss your concerns further.

The report from the joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS mission in October 2015 has been provided to Government in draft form. Once the content is finalised in agreement with UNESCO, it will be made publicly available on the World Heritage Centre website.



I hope that the Stonehenge Alliance will be able to fully engage with the options consultation next year.

With best wishes.

*Yours sincerely*  
*David A. Evennett*

**The Rt Hon David Evennett MP**  
**Minister for Sport, Tourism and Heritage**