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Dear Mr McDonic,

Thank you for your letter to David Cameron, dated 17 March outlining a series of questions in relation to the improvement of the A303 past Stonehenge.

May I apologise for not replying sooner.

I will respond to your questions in the order of your letter.

1. UNESCO/ICOMOS have published their report on the October 2015 advisory mission and is available on the UNESCO website.  
<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/373/documents/>
2. In developing our proposals we are considering all options to ensure compliance with National Networks National Policy Statement (NNPS) by undertaking an options assessment and options consultation. A 1.8mile tunnel is our working assumption, in line with Government's Road Investment Strategy position; but we remain open minded and are committed to appropriately evaluating all options. We will consult with the public, stakeholders and interested parties and after consideration of the consultation feedback we will make a preferred route recommendation to Ministers.
3. We will look to reconcile the Government's obligations under Article 4 of the World Heritage Convention and will seek advice from ICOMOS/UNESCO on our developing proposal.
4. I can confirm that Highways England's consultation will be wide, inclusive and open minded. We intend to consult the public, stakeholders and interested parties on our proposals early in 2017. After consideration of the public consultation feedback we will make a preferred route recommendation to Ministers.

Yours sincerely,

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