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Dear Mr McDonic

A303 Stonehenge scheme

Thank you for your email of 29 October, sharing your notes from our meeting on 17 October.

I'm glad that you found our meeting helpful. I understand that you've now received our response to your request for site investigation information.

From our meeting we understood your key priorities to include sustainability, our approach to designated features and archaeology, access for pedestrians and cyclists, and our approach to involving the community in the wider legacy of the scheme.

May I address these individually:

- Sustainability: Highways England is mandated under the terms of our licence to build sustainability into all our activity. Specifically for the A303 scheme, this is shown through our work towards the independent CEEQUAL assessment, which measures our work against best practices for sustainability and for which we are working towards an 'EXCELLENT' rating.
- Designated features and archaeology: with the establishment of the Scientific Committee and our ongoing close working with Historic England, we have access to the highest quality, independent advice in these areas.
- Access for pedestrians and cyclists: one of the key objectives of the scheme is to enable the reunification of the two halves of the World Heritage Site. It is for the heritage organisations to articulate their plans for wider access to the landscape.
- Community and legacy: We are developing a highly structured approach to the wider legacy and benefits of the scheme and will be working closely with a range of community groups to develop this work as we move into 2018.

We look forward to hearing your views on the evolving scheme at next year's public consultation.

Kind regards



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