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Dear Dr Fielden,

Thank you for your letter of 9 November to Grant Shapps, about a petition opposed to the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Development Consent Order application. I am replying on his behalf.

As you will be aware, the decision on the application was issued on 12 November 2020. The reasons for the decision are set out in the decision letter (available with the other decision documents at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>). You will have noted from paragraph 109 of the decision letter that the petition was treated as post-examination correspondence and taken into account in the decision. Your correspondence has also been published on the Planning Inspectorate's website in order to comply with our legal obligations under Section 39 of the Planning Act 2008.

Although I appreciate that the decision will be a disappointment to you and others who oppose to the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Development Consent Order development, I hope you will understand that I am unable to comment further on the reasons for the decision.

*Best wishes,*

**ANDREW STEPHENSON MP**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**