



Decision postponed: Opposition to Stonehenge road scheme surges

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Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps, has twice extended the deadline for a decision on the c.£2 billion project, and now has until 13 November to reach a final verdict.

A massive surge in numbers has boosted opposition to the Stonehenge A303 road expansion scheme. The Stonehenge Alliance [petition](#) that you have signed has [soared past 100,000](#) signatures in recent weeks, more than double the tally when the petition was first presented to Downing Street in February. The surge in opposition follows stunning revelations about the Stonehenge landscape, with the discovery of huge pits marking an ancient circle many times larger, and older, than the famous stones themselves.

Voices from around the world are being raised as never before in opposition to Highways England's scheme to gouge a four-lane dual carriageway into the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. People from more than 100 countries have now signed the [petition](#).

Professional archaeologists and historians add yet more weight to the arguments against the road scheme.

Watch historian and film-maker Professor Michael Wood (video 3.41min, sound on): *"The Plan was always wrong. But now, in Summer 2020, every calculation on which the plan was made is now out of date. There's still time to reconsider, and we should"*.



The recent finds show once again that there is so much more to the Stonehenge landscape than the eye alone can see.

Few know more about what's at stake in the archaeological environment of Stonehenge than Professor Vince Gaffney, whose team made the astonishing discoveries at Durrington Walls.

Watch the professor of landscape archaeology argue that the road tunnel would be such an act of monstrous vandalism that it would be hard to justify to generations to come. (Video 0.59 mins, sound on)



This alone is reason for Grant Shapps to reject the road scheme, even before he factors in its enormous cost to save 8 minutes journey time. The Stonehenge tunnel and road project ploughing across the prehistoric landscape are likely to amount to little more than a shameful huge white elephant. The UK

government and its agencies have a duty to protect the World Heritage Site as a whole.

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