



.Alliance President, Tom Holland, launches our website at Stonehenge, March 2015

Road to drive chasm through World Heritage Site

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The decision by Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, to drive a chasm through Stonehenge World Heritage Site will send shock waves around the world, not least because the independent Examining Authority recommended it be **refused permission**.

The decision goes against the advice of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, it will undermine the UK's legal commitment to address Climate Change and is contrary to the advice of many experienced archaeologists.

Tom Holland, Alliance President, expressed his horror:

"This is a shocking and shameful decision. A supposedly Conservative government, advised by the Planning Inspectorate to cancel the scheme, has decided instead – at a time when COVID has already blown its budgeting to pieces – to proceed with a £2 billion white elephant. The decision to

inject a great gash of concrete and tarmac into Britain's most precious prehistoric landscape is one that ranks simultaneously as spendthrift and sacrilegious. We shall continue to oppose it as vigorously as we can."

This campaign is not over.

We shall continue with our campaign and the [petition carries on](#) in the hope that there may still be time in which to change that decision.

The Alliance is taking legal advice and will carefully consider its next steps.

The tally currently stands at:

- 38 Degrees 125,991 (for UK addresses only)
- change.org 37,513 (world wide addresses)
- Total 163,504 *

** The total will include some duplications.*

Thank you so much for all your support.

Notes

1. The Stonehenge Alliance supporter-organisations are: Ancient Sacred Landscape Network; Campaign to Protect Rural England; Friends of the Earth; Rescue, the British Archaeological Trust; and Transport Action Network.
2. The Transport Secretary's [decision](#) and supporting documents can be found on the [Planning Inspectorate website](#)
3. UNESCO World Heritage Committee [Decision 2019](#)
4. The Stonehenge Alliance's Summary of Case at the 2019 Examination into the road scheme can be accessed via the [National Infrastructure Planning website](#)

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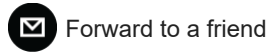
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The Stonehenge Alliance is a group of non-governmental organisations and individuals that seeks enhancements

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