

STONEHENGE ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN UPDATE



*Newbury bypass in construction 25 years ago. The dual carriageway did not deliver hoped-for benefits.
Photo credit Chris Gomersall for RSPB, 1996.*

Dear supporters,

As many of you have read, the Government has recently given the go-ahead for the discredited A303 Stonehenge road scheme that will cost the country over £2.5bn.

The Government's outrageous plan for a short tunnel and deep cuttings across the Stonehenge World Heritage Site was recommended for refusal by five planning inspectors, quashed by the High Court, and objected to by UNESCO in the strongest terms.

The scheme once again risks the status of Stonehenge as a World Heritage Site. Yet the Secretary of State for Transport's, Mark Harper's, [decision letter](#) appears not to care about the damage this road will cause. Nor does Mark Harper give proper consideration to alternative solutions.

Meanwhile government seems to be under the illusion that the road scheme will be good for business, when in fact the economic case for this outlandish

and extravagant scheme makes no sense at all.

With your continued support we remain determined to stop this shocking cultural and environmental vandalism.

Next step

Save Stonehenge WHS Ltd (SSWHS), who challenged the previous decision in the courts and won, have already started to fundraise using their old crowdjustice funder. This interim solution will shortly be replaced by a new crowdjustice appeal so they can raise the funds to challenge the Government's second decision. They need to raise £15k to get initial legal advice and to confirm that they can challenge the Government in the courts once again to safeguard the future of the Stonehenge landscape and World Heritage Site.

We will send you their new appeal as soon as it is launched towards the end of next week.

Thank you so much for your support.

Best wishes,

John Adams OBE

Chairman, Stonehenge Alliance

PS Please consider supporting the campaign by:

- signing and sharing our international petition if you haven't already done so
- writing to complain to your MP asking Government to reverse the decision



“At the best of times this would be a grotesque decision, but at a time when the country is faced with so many bills, such a financial shortfall, this desecration of a World Heritage Site is the height of folly - an act of vandalism that shames Britain.”

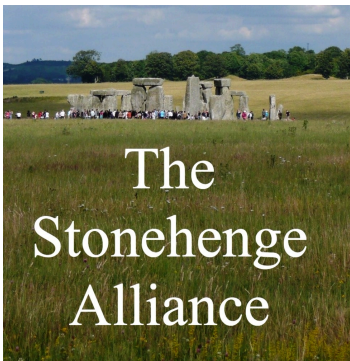
Tom Holland tweet on 14 July 2023



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Stonehenge: Plans to build road tunnel near English heritage site approved
Plans to construct a road tunnel near Stonehenge have been approved, the Department for Transport said.

The WHS was designated by UNESCO as of “outstanding universal value” to mankind for its remarkable remains of the Neolithic and Bronze Ages, “a landscape without parallel”. A twin-bore c.3km tunnel and some 2km of massive approach cuttings will be gouged through the unique landscape of the Stonehenge World Heritage Site.



ABOUT THE STONEHENGE ALLIANCE

The Stonehenge Alliance has campaigned against the road scheme for many years and is appalled by the Government’s decision in the face of strong advice from its Planning Inspectorate not to proceed, UNESCO’s World Heritage Committee condemnation and the High Court’s quashing of the scheme.

The Stonehenge Alliance is supported by Ancient Sacred Landscape Network; Campaign to Protect Rural England; Friends of the Earth; Rescue, The British Archaeological Trust; Transport Action Network and many individuals worldwide.

THE PETITION against the road has reached over 223,000 signatures. **You can sign and share it [here](#).**



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