

## STONEHENGE ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN UPDATE



*The only thing stopping contractors from starting work at Stonehenge WHS in 2024 is the legal challenge.*

**Dear supporter,**

Last August, Save Stonehenge World Heritage Site (SSWHS), the group challenging the latest decision, submitted its case to the High Court. By now, we would have expected to let you know whether the High Court had agreed the Government had a case to answer. But that's not how it's turned out and SSWHS are still waiting to hear back from the court. Meanwhile here's our news.

### UNESCO stands firm



**A303 Stonehenge tunnel plans: UNESCO warns new road 'should not proceed in current form'**

Stonehenge could be added to a list of world heritage sites in danger, UNESCO has warned. It says changes to controversial plans for a nearby road tunnel must be made.

By Narbeh Minassian, news reporter  
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The plans for a tunnel near Stonehenge have been heavily criticised. Pic: English Heritage/A.Pattenden via Reuters

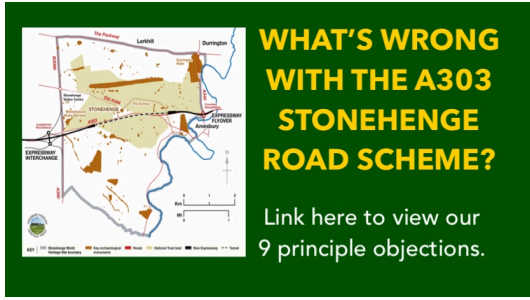
On 15 September, a [statement was made to the World Heritage Committee](#) meeting in Riyadh on our behalf. The Committee expressed its *“profound regret that the Scheme has been granted a DCO [Development Consent Order] without having been modified in accordance with previous Committee decisions and the recommendations of the 2022 mission.”*

UNESCO stood firm on their decision to place the Stonehenge WHS on the list of Heritage in Danger if the Stonehenge road scheme goes ahead. And the UNESCO news about Stonehenge was widely reported. This generated numerous enquiries.

### Answering FAQs

As a result of this feedback, we have reorganised our homepage to answer the

most frequently asked question: [“What’s wrong with the A303 Stonehenge road scheme?”](#)



There are nine answers to this question, each with a couple of sentences in reply. You can also link through to a more in-depth briefing on each topic.



The second most frequently asked question is: [“What is the latest position”](#)? A new page sums up the position and is updated regularly. Take a look!

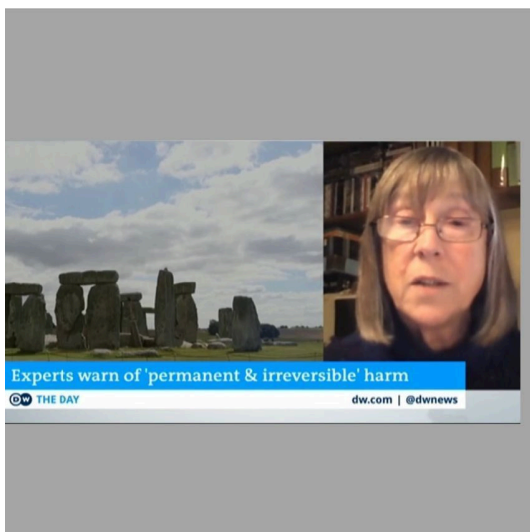
## SSWHS needs to raise a further £25,000

Thanks to your generosity, around £55,000 has been raised. But to bring the total to the necessary £80,000, a further £25,000 is needed. If you can contribute, *however little*, please click on this button.

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## Videos launched to help SSWHS raise money

**Watch** our first two videos below. The first includes our late Kate Fielden, succinctly describing the problems with the Stonehenge road. John Adams explains the latest position in the second video.



## And finally, the inconsistency of cancelling HS2

We call out Rishi Sunak for cancelling HS2 on grounds of cost without

scrapping the A303 Stonehenge Tunnel. The economic benefits of the Stonehenge project are vanishingly small, if they exist at all. Take a look at our briefing about the [weak case](#) for the A303 Stonehenge.

Thanks for supporting our campaign. We hope common sense will prevail.

Best wishes,

The Stonehenge Alliance team

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## [Kate Fielden remembered](#)



On 5th October, a beautiful service was held in grateful memory of Kate and her dedication to help the environment, the Wiltshire landscape and in particular, Stonehenge. Kate's family invited contributions to the Save Stonehenge WHS CrowdJustice appeal as "a campaign so close to Kate's heart." Winning the second legal case would be the most fitting legacy that Kate would wish, a legal case that Kate put in motion.

## *ABOUT THE STONEHENGE ALLIANCE*

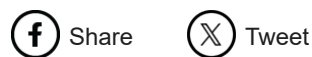


*The Stonehenge Alliance has campaigned against the road scheme for many years and is appalled by the Government's decision in the face of:*

- *strong advice from its Planning Inspectorate not to proceed,*
- *UNESCO's World Heritage Committee's 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 INTERNATIONAL PETITION*** against the road has reached over 228,000 signatures. ***You can sign and share it [here](#).***



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