

STONEHENGE ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Dear Supporter

First the good news

We have been blessed with good news... so far. Not only has a hearing at the Court of Appeal been granted, but a General Election has been called and the prospect of a change of heart is within reach. This means that road construction cannot start before we have a new government. .

BUT, and this is a seriously big but, the Development Consent Order, i.e. the licence to build the A303 Stonehenge road scheme, still exists. There is no certainty what a new government would do, so the opportunity to quash the scheme in the courts needs to be eagerly grasped. We will then have to convince the new government to safeguard this unique prehistoric landscape from further outrages.

The bad news is - justice is not free!

This appeal for an Appeal comes at time when political parties are flooding our inboxes with begging emails. **But we need to raise £28,000 to challenge the scheme.** Everybody has been incredibly generous in their response to our earlier appeals. Once again, though, we need to ask you, please, if you can, donate again so as to give the case the best possible chance of success. And, don't forget to spread the word (see below).

We cannot take anything for granted

Meanwhile, with the aid of our folded leaflet, social media and website, we will continue to highlight

- the landscape's unique heritage value,
- the damage this road would cause,
- the scheme's unpopularity,
- spiralling costs (standing at an eye watering £3 billion),
- alternatives to road widening, and
- promote investment in sustainable travel options to the Southwest.

With our very best wishes,

The Stonehenge Alliance team

Working in partnership with SSWHS

PLEASE DONATE NOW IF YOU CAN. Thank you!

LATEST ON THE COURT OF APPEAL

HURRAY! *Appeal granted for judicial review of the government's second attempt to approve the damaging A303 Stonehenge road scheme.*

What did the Court of Appeal say?

- *It recognised that all grounds in the Save Stonehenge WHS case submitted to the High Court last December have a prospect of success.*
- *It acknowledged that the proposed changes to the A303 across the World Heritage Site is of public interest which provides a compelling reason for the case to be heard.*

What is the latest position?

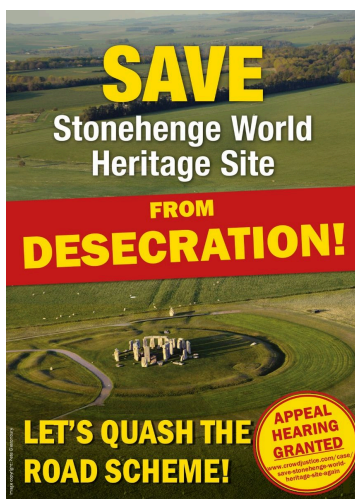
- *The A303 Stonehenge road scheme cannot be built before the election, but the scheme remains live unless and until it is legally quashed.*
- *SSWHS's lawyers are preparing for the Court of Appeal hearing.*

When will the Appeal be heard?

- ***After the election but no date has been set. We will keep you updated as soon as we learn more.***

THANK YOU FOR SPREADING THE WORD

Please keep it up!



We asked for help to spread the word and you responded by the dozen!

Demand outstripped supply and we had to rush out a reprint to meet demand in Cardiff, Devon, Dorset, Exeter, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, King's Lynn, Kent, Lancashire, Leeds, London, Oswestry, Somerset, Stourbridge, West Yorkshire, and of course Wiltshire. Supporters in France, US and Holland wanted some too. Wonderful!

Our new leaflet has been slightly updated and is now ready for distribution. So. think leaflets ...



Are you going to a Festival or demo? Celebrating mid-summer Solstice? Know a friendly shopkeeper?

Prepared to spend an hour outside a popular museum or stall? Want to hold a garden party in aid of the Appeal?

Please email your order [here](#) and we will include a **FREE BUTTON BADGE!** Offer limited to this mailing list. Instructions are included in the email link.

ABOUT THE STONEHENGE ALLIANCE



[The Stonehenge Alliance](#) was set up in 2002 to protect the Stonehenge World Heritage Site from further damage. It has campaigned against the current road scheme since its inception in 2014. It is appalled by the Government's decision to go ahead with the short tunnel and road widening project 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 in 2021.*
- *Next stop: the Court of Appeal!*

The Stonehenge Alliance is run by a small team of volunteers and 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 238,000 signatures. ***You can sign and share it with friends and family [here](#).***

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