

Dear Mr Madge,

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The proposed new Stonehenge Visitors' Centre is within our Parish Boundary. Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council has the following comments/observations:

Firstly, we are in agreement that a new visitors' centre for Stonehenge is needed and long overdue; however, the proposed new visitors' centre and access roads are situated in an undeveloped area of open countryside within the World Heritage Site. The creation of the visitors' centre and a new road across and through the WHS leading to the new car park is unacceptable and we are astonished that English Heritage could bring forward such a plan especially considering a main objection to the A303 being dualled on-line is that it would result in development within the World Heritage Site. The plans have failed to make proper use of the planned closure of the A344 which leads to areas of previously developed land at option X (on the consultation document) which is nearer the stones. We have been told that this is a temporary solution to cover approximately 20 years; however, we believe it will be permanent because of the inability of past and present governments to find a solution for the A303 in this area. It also raises the question of how long has the present "temporary" solution been in place?

Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council **OPPOSE** and **OBJECT** to these plans for the above reasons; however, if you are minded to approve the plans we make the following points:

Where the proposed new car park road runs close to the A360 between (Airman's Corner and Longbarrow roundabout) it should be linked directly to the A360 so that traffic exiting the car park can more easily return to the A303.

The introduction of a roundabout at Airman's Corner is necessary and welcomed but the improvements at Longbarrow will make little, if any, improvement.

Regards

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