

Assembly Resource

Read through the information below. What are your thoughts on the tunnel? Do you think it should be allowed to be built? Do you agree that the benefits of it outweigh the negatives?

What is Stonehenge?

Stonehenge is a giant man-made circle of standing stones.

It is thought to have been built thousands of years ago. No one really knows what it was built for!



Why has it been suggested that a tunnel is built near Stonehenge?

The picture (left) shows what the tunnel might look like.

The 2-mile long tunnel has been proposed to help ease traffic on the very busy existing A303 road. It will also help to make the landscape of Stonehenge more attractive as the traffic will be underground.

Who thinks the tunnel should be built?



“Visitors will be able to see Stonehenge without an ugly snarl of traffic next to it.” *Anna Eavis, Culture Director for English Heritage*

“We’re confident the tunnel is the best solution for tackling the busy road and returning the landscape to something like its original setting.”
Derek Parody, the tunnel project’s Director

Who doesn’t think the tunnel should be built?



“Stonehenge is precious for the whole of humanity, for our understanding of how we have adapted and evolved as a species since the Ice Age.” *Professor David Jacques, from the University of Buckingham*

“The decision to inject tarmac and concrete into Britain’s most precious prehistoric landscape is a terrible one” *Tom Holland, from the Stonehenge Alliance.*