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Stonehenge Underpass Scheme Dropped

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The A30 Action Group were pleased that the Shadow Secretary of State for Transport, Theresa Villiers MP raised the profile of our campaign as a direct result of her urgent question in the House of Commons to Tom Harris, Minister for Transport. We would also like to thank Susan Kramer MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Transport for her input during the debate when she spoke of the delays which had affected important improvement schemes on the A30 in Cornwall. The issue of funding the Stonehenge Underpass was raised only last month when we gave our presentation to the three representatives.

Chairman of the Group, Mick Martin said today, "The decision to cancel the Stonehenge Underpass is akin to a double edged sword for the South West. On one hand, tourists and haulage companies travelling to the South West will still have the problems associated with a single carriageway road, but it should now mean that the scheme to dual the A30 at Temple could regain its priority within the Regional Funding Allocation as controlled by the Regional Assembly. In financial terms the Temple scheme is relatively cheap and has enormous benefits for the whole of Cornwall."

"For a long time now the underpass scheme has been held in abeyance awaiting a decision from Government. Now we must ensure that the money that was budgeted for the underpass is not lost to the Treasury and is used to improve transport infrastructure throughout the South West, finally bringing the dualling of the A30 at Temple to a satisfactory conclusion."

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