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Dear Sirs

The Great Stones Way

As Chairman of East Kennett Parish Meeting, I attended the Marlborough Area Board Meeting on 21st June to express my considerable concern and dismay about the lack of consultation on The Great Stones Way proposals, especially in relation to the latest draft route which passes directly through the Village.

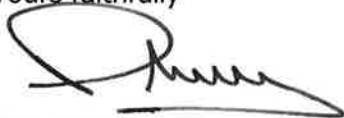
East Kennett is a small village of about 45 households and approx 120 residents. It has no shop or pub and will shortly lose its school. There is therefore **no** economic benefit in up to 400,000 additional visitors passing through the village – in fact there are considerable economic and environmental disbenefits, not least the fact that East Kennett could become the default “free” car park at the start of the route.

The first the village knew about the GSW proposals was “by chance” in late 2010. Such was the immediate reaction to the initial route through the village that an EGM (the first in 20 years) was held in Feb 2011, following which representations were made to Wiltshire Council to bypass the village entirely by adopting the WHITE HORSE TRAIL from West Kennett Long Barrow up to the Wansdyke.

Just before our Annual Meeting in late May, we discovered, again by chance, that the original route through the village had been reinstated, despite our concerns and representations. Cllr Jemima Milton will be fully aware of this background as she attended both the EGM and the Annual Meeting. Such a lack of consultation for a village that is so directly affected is not only unacceptable but also undemocratic.

I request that East Kennet is now fully consulted on **any** GSW proposal going forward.

Yours faithfully



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Chairman East Kennett Parish Meeting

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