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Dear Sir or Madam

A303 STONEHENGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

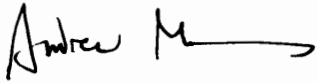
You will know from the letter sent to you on behalf of the Secretaries of State dated 20 July 2005, in relation to the above named scheme, that a final decision on the draft Orders following the public local inquiry was deferred pending the outcome of a review of the published scheme and other options.

I am now writing to inform you that following careful consideration of the findings of the review, the Secretary of State for Transport has today announced that all the draft Orders will be withdrawn with immediate effect and the published scheme cancelled. I enclose a copy of the Parliamentary statement of this announcement that gives the reasons for this decision. The final report of the inter-Departmental Steering Group that is referred to in the statement has been placed on the Department's website at the following address – www.dft.gov.uk. As a consequence of this decision, the statutory protection of the route of the published scheme in the region's Development Plan, will also now be removed.

Consideration will be given to reimbursing any legal and other professional fees and any other reasonable out-of pocket expenses that may have been reasonably incurred by qualified objectors, in connection with preparing and presenting their case at the Inquiry to defend their interest in land affected by the published scheme, so far as approved by the Highways Agency, as necessary and reasonably incurred. Claims

should be made in writing to the Highways Agency, 2/26H Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6HA. The Highways Agency will not pay costs where an objector has acted unreasonably or incurred unnecessary expense.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Murray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andrew Murray