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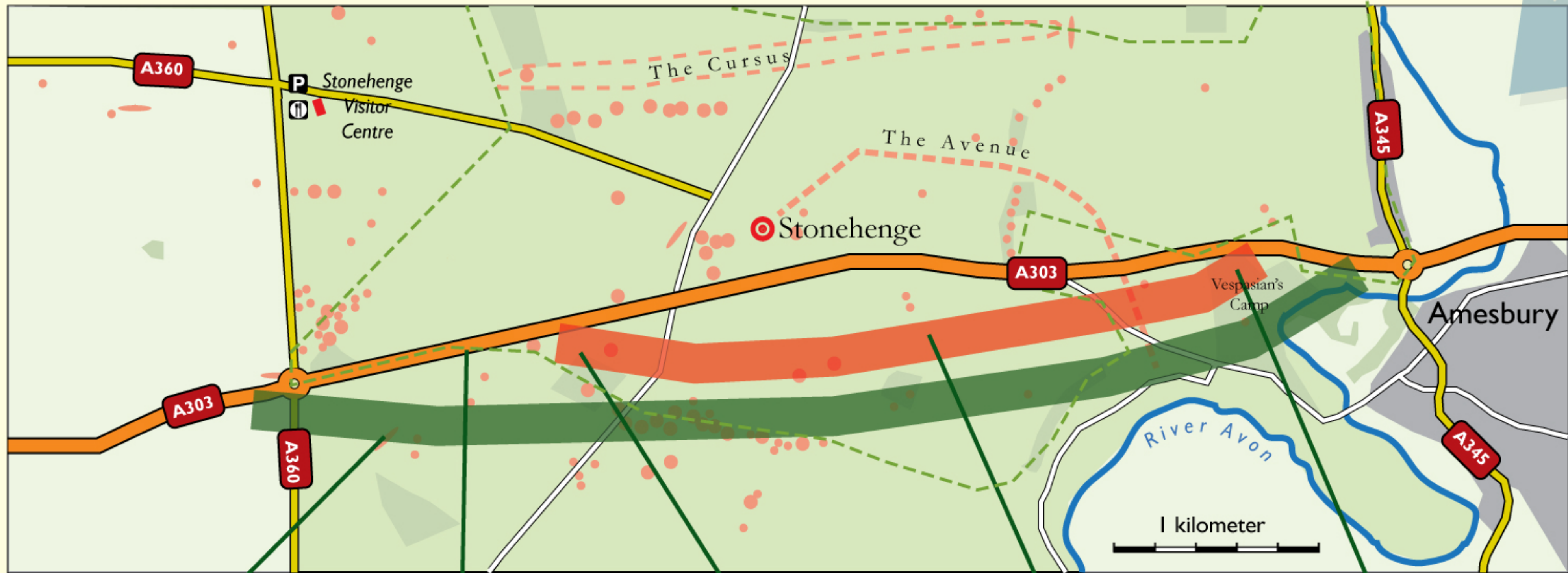
A tunnel under Stonehenge - dangers and opportunities



On 1st December 2014 the UK Government announced its intention to dual the single-carriageway stretch of the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down, including a 2.9km bored tunnel under the central part of the Stonehenge World Heritage Site (WHS) but south of the henge itself.

The project is one of a number of Department for Transport schemes to improve traffic flow along the A303 / A30 / A358 highway corridor, aimed at boosting economic and housing development in the South West.

Whether relief of traffic congestion will make much difference is questionable since it is recognized that such benefits are often not realised in practice and road widening in itself usually leads to further congestion within a few years.



Legend

- Stonehenge World Heritage Site
- Border of National Trust area
- Round barrows
- Long barrow
- Other archaeological feature

Long tunnel (5 km)
- no damage to World Heritage Site
- No traffic noise in prehistoric landscape
- No visual pollution

Where the A303 remains in place, road widening will destroy a lot of archaeology

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Tunnel where the government wants it, 2.9 km in length

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