

Bürgerinitiative Welterbe Dresdner Elbtal

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Dresden's "Elbtal" Landscape Threatened by Bridge Project - The Tunnel Alternative -

Dresden, August 6, 2005

Dear Professor Bandarin,

We should like to refer to the solemn ceremony when the document on "Dresden 'Elbtal' World Heritage" was awarded and you and your delegation kindly met representatives of our citizens' pressure group who submitted a petition folder on the above issue. Included were photographs and historic paintings by which we tried to demonstrate that in the foreseeable future Dresden will be running the risk of squandering its acquired "UNESCO World Heritage" award. The disputed project is known under the name of "Waldschlösschen-Brücke".

A 600-metre road bridge is to cross River Elbe right in a landscape of extraordinary beauty. The view to Dresden's Old Town and the surrounding river landscape are unique and have inspired artists for centuries to portray the beauty of this city from this very vantage point. That view is one of the major elements of the World Heritage, and its preservation is a demand made by experts all over the world. The planned site of the bridge had been covered up by the local government of Dresden in their application for the UNESCO World Heritage award. Hence the UNESCO evaluation commission had to assume erroneously a much less delicate location on the other side of the city centre.

A local pressure group, sponsored by Nobel Prize winner Professor Günter Blobel, New York Rockefeller University, has initiated a tunnel study to persuade local government by providing hard evidence to an alternative helping to prevent the bridge which would be an irreversible act of landscape destruction.

You will find said study enclosed to this letter, proving that a tunnel is technically feasible and not more expensive than the bridge would be! Even more, a tunnel would not have any adverse impact on the landscape but would ensure effective and sustainable protection of the UNESCO World Heritage.

The local government of Dresden so far still insists on the bridge project, claiming that no objection has been raised by UNESCO and no alternative has been requested.

Professor Blobel sent you a letter on the same issue. He announced his visit of Paris on September 6, 2005, together with representatives of the pressure group for "Dresden 'Elbtal' World Heritage". We would highly appreciate a meeting with you in person on the afternoon of that day.

Yours most sincerely

Michael Kaiser

for and on behalf of BI UNESCO-Welterbe Dresden e.V.

Stimmt nicht. Die geplante Stelle wurde im Antrag nicht verheimlicht, sondern es wurde eine Anlage mit Positionsangebe mit eingereicht und den Gutachtern wurde später ebenfalls der Standort eindeutig angegeben.