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TUNNEL CHANNELS

From *NCE* 2 March it has come to the knowledge of the Panel for Historical Engineering Works that Brunel's Thames Tunnel appears to be unlisted and that its historic interior brickwork is about to be 'shotcreted'.

The Panel is strongly of the view that the tunnel should be listed Grade I immediately because of its outstanding provenance and international historical significance, and also, that any proposed alterations be subjected to the usual scrutiny.

In any repairing of the tunnel, every effort should be made to carry out the work in such a manner so as not to lose the character of its original brickwork.

English Heritage has been approached to this effect. Roland Paxton (F), Chairman, The Panel for Historical Engineering Works, Department of Civil Engineering, Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton, Edinburgh, EH14 4AS.

