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A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

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Further to the redetermination of the A303 Stonehenge scheme, I am local and object to the whole scheme. Some of the reasons being that National Highways have not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision

| Jinto account or acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".

National Highways have not fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, while a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site or explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site - e.g. a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West. They have not yet updated the scheme construction costs; nor updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Since the Examination closed, climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need is to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would; and the Environment Act 2021 has now set new ambitions around nature recovery.

I also think this horrendous scheme would have a detrimental effect on our local economy, making Amesbury more isolated from the local WHS for tourists than it already is.

Peter Matthews