From:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge road scheme

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Good morning,

I am writing having received the news that National Highways has submitted comments to the Secretary of State's request for information on the A303 Stonehenge road scheme. I feel it is important to highlight that National Highways has not:

- made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee into account;
- acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";
- 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;
- 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;
- updated the scheme construction costs; nor
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

I remain convinced that the proposed scheme constitutes a historic act of vandalism and should have been abandoned long ago.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Watson