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Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Dear Mr Shapps

I write to you with my concerns with regard to the latest – frankly insane - plan of this government to route an utterly destructive dual carriage way through a site of not only national, but international, archeological importance – Stonehenge.

Given that the latest submission from National Highways:

- Takes no account of the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision that the route as planned would damage the site of Stonehenge, Avebury and related sites to such an extent, it would be necessary to designate them as “in danger”;
- Fails to recognize your own department’s finding that the scheme’s impact would be “significantly adverse”;
- Fails to properly assess alternative routes that would be less damaging to the sites;
- Fails to explore solutions that would reduce road traffic and related emissions, while improving access to the South West;
- Fails to update construction and carbon emissions costs, particularly in light of current circumstances internationally and growing climate concerns; and
- Fails to incorporate the 2021 Environment Act targets for nature recovery

it surely cannot be deemed fit for purpose in assessing whether your government should proceed with what, if allowed to go ahead as currently planned, would be an act of deliberate cultural vandalism on a par with ISIS destroying the Bamiyan Buddhas, and for which they will never be forgiven.

I used to live in the South West. Believe me, I know how exactly how badly the routes to there need to be upgraded. But this ill-conceived scheme is not the solution.

Yours sincerely

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