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On reading the National Highways (NH) responses it appears that the body has not made any concessions with regard to the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision. Nor has NH fully assessed possible alternative routes that would be less damaging to the World Heritage Site. Nor does the monetary cost appear to be a primary consideration, as a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it. The NH has not even updated the construction costs for the Scheme; these are bound to have escalated since the Examination closed.

In its responses the NH has not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions with respect to safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site. Nor has it addressed the new aims for nature recovery per the Environment Act 2021.

The environmental factors NEED revisiting and updating, considering the amount of public concern for and increased urgency of climate-related issues. Greater consideration needs to be given to ways to reduce emissions, not increase them (as a new Stonehenge road scheme would do). The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change should certainly be addressed by the NH in its responses.

In short, the NH responses are lacking in important and significant areas and in no way allay the concerns of those of us in the global community who recognise the importance of the Stonehenge landscape to the history of humanity. We are losing our heritage through forces both natural and man-made. The former is to be expected as part of the process of nature, but the latter is reprehensible, especially with the wisdom and weight of scholarship against it.

Sincerely,

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