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Dear Sirs

I am responding to the request for comments on the redetermination of A303 Stonehenge road scheme.

In its response to the Secretary of State for Transport, National Highways has not made any changes to the scheme to take account of the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision to list Stonehenge as at risk of being placed on the World Heritage in Danger list, nor has it fully assessed alternative routes that would be less damaging to the World Heritage Site -- for example a southern bypass route which would be cheaper, or a longer tunnel which be more expensive but would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site. National Highways has also failed to explore alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site, for example a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West; nor has it acknowledged that the Secretary of State for Transport found that the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse". National Highways has also not updated the scheme construction costs, nor has it updated the carbon assessment.

Other points worth considering since the Examination closed are the increased concern for climate change following the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the consequent need for more urgent action to reduce emissions; it should be obvious that any new Stonehenge road scheme would result in increased emissions, and is therefore counter to the thrust of the report. Additionally, the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery, to which the Scheme would run counter.

I therefore urge that the scheme not be proceeded with.

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