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## Dear Sirs

I have the following points to make in response to National Highways submission:

- 1. National Highways have failed to make any changes to their Scheme in response to the 2-021 World Heritage committee decision;
- 2. National Highways have not acknowledged the fact that the Sec of State found that the proposed Western Cutting area would have a "significantly adverse" impact on that area;
- 3. National Highways have failed to fully assess alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site, eg a southern by-pass route route would be cheaper albeit with some problems, also a longer tunnel would reduce the impact on the Site;
- 4. National Highways has not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site, eg a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the south West;
- 5. National Highways have failed to update the scheme construction costs nor updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Additionally, since the Examination closed the concern for the environment has increased following the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would. Also the Environment Act 2021 sets new targets around nature recovery. Moreover, the current fuel crisis is likely to drastically reduce road usage.

In conclusion, I consider the current scheme is grossly flawed and must be rejected.

