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A303 Stonehenge

**Subject:** Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

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## Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

In the new redetermination of the A303 Stonehenge scheme I am unable to see any changes made by National Highways that take into account the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision. Neither have they acknowledged that you found their scheme would have a significantly adverse effect on the proposed western cutting area.

Fully assessed alternative routes would be less damaging to the World Heritage Site. A longer tunnel would reduce the impact, while the southern route will be cheaper, even when potential problems have been addressed.

Why have alternatives to hard engineering solutions not been explored in order to safeguard and enhance the World Heritage Site? Alternatives could take into consideration measures to improve access to the South West, reduce road traffic and road emissions.

The construction costs of the scheme don't appear to have been updated, neither have the carbon assessment and costs. You will note that since the Examination closed, concern for climate change has significantly increased, seeing a need to reduce emissions (any new scheme would increase them), and the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

Yours faithfully,

Robin Heywood,