From:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme - OBJECTION

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Dear Madam/Sir

I am dismayed that following the objections to the previous plans for the A303 Stonehenge road scheme no lessons have been learned.

The proposed scheme was a disgrace then and remains a disgrace with what is now proposed.

Following the World Heritage Committee's objection no changes have been made to the planned scheme to take their comments into account. They have just been ignored. What a stupid thing to do.

The tunnel needs to go u dear the WHOLE of the Stonehenge site not just part of it in the middle, and then cut up through it on either side. It is sacrilege and criminal to do this to this world heritage site.

National Highways has not addressed the point made by the Secretary of State that the impact of the proposed western cutting to the tunnel would be "significantly adverse". I don't know how much clearer that comment could be. Yet it has been completely ignored.

There has still not been proper complete assessment of alternative options of a longer tunnel, the full length of the World Heritage Site, which would make all objections go away. The longer tunnel option is by far and away the best thing to do.

The Environment Act 2021 sets new requirements for nature recovery which seem to have been ignored and the carbon assessment and carbon costs have not been updated in light of this. I guess that is hardly surprising when the actual scheme construction costs have not been updated either.

Seems a shoddy way to go about things but I suppose if you don't care that you are destroying a World Heritage Site omitting such things are neither here nor there. As a country we used to be able to hold our heads up high as an example to the rest of the world for not deliberately destroying our heritage. If this scheme goes ahead we will not be able to say that any more. The only option is for a tunnel the full length of the site. Otherwise forget it and leave that section of the A303 as it is. If National Highways are serious about improving the traffic problems then they need to do a proper job, and construct a full length tunnel underneath the surface of the entire World Heritage Site.

Yours sincerely Nicola Baker