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I am writing to place before the Secretary of State for Transport matters which I feel should be considered before any decision is made on the A303 Stonehenge road scheme.

National Highways has not made any changes to the scheme to take account of the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision into account. It is clear the the scheme as it stands may well be so impactful on the WHS, that it leads to it being delisted. If this happened, so close after the Liverpool Waterfront lost its WHS status, it would be a national embarrassment, and lead to the rest of the world questioning how seriously we consider our heritage when major decisions such as this are taken.

The scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be significantly adverse.

Alternative routes such as a southern bypass, or a longer tunnel, have not been fully assessed.

Alternatives to hard engineering solutions should be addressed. It seems likely that in the coming years some sort of "road pricing" scheme will be introduced in order to reduce pollution and encourage use of public transport. In a world of finite resources, it can no longer be assumed that road users can expect unlimited use of road space, or to get to their destinations a few minutes earlier. We must as a nation accept some curbs on private car use. The environmental cost of not doing so is too great as we strive to reach carbon neutrality in the coming decades. Even electric vehicles will have an environmental impact, unless the electricity they use comes wholly from renewable sources. The present scheme will only lead to increased vehicle emissions, as it has been clear for many years that so-called "improved" roads quickly generate additional traffic.

I hope that these points can be taken into account when subsequent decisions on this scheme are made.

Yours sincerely,
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