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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

since the Examination closed, concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would; and the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery. Surely an immediate investment in non fossil fuels and therefore other forms of transport is the answer to ending car pollution and congestion. Public transport too is so expensive and 'dirty' that the government could subsidise it and make it easily available and accessible. Many places don't have buses to speak of and especially that run on alternative clean energy.

Why has the National Highways not updated the scheme construction costs or the carbon assessment and costs ?

It is clear that the National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account. Why is this? It is significant to the whole project!

Why have the National Highways not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse"?

National Highways has not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site - e.g. a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West;

National Highways has not fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, while a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site.

Yours sincerely,

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