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Dear Secretary of State for Transport

I understand that you intend to make a new decision on the Stonehenge road scheme and have asked National Highways for a response. I wish to make the following comments which I hope you will take into consideration.

It appears that National Highways had not

- **made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision into account;**
- acknowledged that you found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "**significantly adverse**";
- **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;
- **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;
- updated the scheme construction costs; nor
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

I further ask you to note that other changes since the Examination closed include

- 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.

Yours sincerely,

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