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Dr J Hayman

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a concerned member of the public, I'm emailing you my comments on the renewed proposal for the A303 Stonehenge road scheme.

As you must be aware, the latest report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has increased worries about climate change. These concerns should and must be top of any agenda. The new Stonehenge road scheme would **increase not reduce** emissions, and in the light of the global environmental catastrophe that is upon us, how can that be permitted?

The Environment Act 2021 has set aims for nature recovery which are surely at odds with the renewed proposal for the Stonehenge road scheme.

The decision made by the World Heritage Committee on the Stonehenge road plan has not been taken into account in the National Highways Scheme. The Secretary of State for Transport found that the Scheme's impact would be 'significantly adverse' on the western cutting area, yet this has not been acknowledged in the Highways Agency's renewed proposal. Alternative routes (eg a cheaper southern bypass route or a longer tunnel) which would be less damaging to the World Heritage site, have been insufficiently explored by the Highways Agency, and alternatives to hard-engineered solutions (i.e. a package to reduce road traffic, road emissions and to improve access to the South West) which would help protect the World Heritage site have also not been properly considered by them. The Scheme construction costs, and carbon assessment and associated costs have also not been updated by the Highways Agency. These seem to me crucial points to be addressed.

Stonehenge is of huge national, international, archaeological and natural importance and any road building in this environmentally-sensitive area needs to take into account the long view and not merely respond to current and short-term motoring trends.

Please consider these issues very carefully and take the correct action to protect our environment and this very important World Heritage Site.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,  
J Hayman