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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

It is with great concern that I note that this destructive road scheme affecting a World Heritage Site (WHS) is once again being considered.

Stonehenge is a monument of great archaeological, spiritual and historic significance. That anyone could consider digging a tunnel so close to it - to say nothing of the flyover and other roadworks - is unfathomable. Although the scheme is being 'redetermined', National Highways does not appear to have taken the 2021 World Heritage Committee's decision about the scheme into account before resubmitting documents – surely the first consideration where a WHS is concerned?

I do not believe that National Highways has properly considered alternatives to the scheme that avoid the area close to Stonehenge and the need for a tunnel at all. This is an environmentally sensitive area and this level of destruction is unacceptable.

In addition to this, as the world faces worsening climate change I do not believe it is appropriate to be investing in billion-pound road schemes (I note that neither the construction costs or carbon assessment have been updated - what are the new figures for these?) We should be looking at environmentally friendly alternatives - such as better public transport - and limiting the number of cars on the road if we are to stand any chance of reaching our climate commitments under the Paris Agreement (which are legally binding).

According to the Global Monitoring Laboratory, emissions for the week beginning 6 March 2022 were 418.51 ppm - up from 417.20 ppm a year earlier. We cannot afford to be investing in high-emission schemes like this if we are to meet our targets. The IPCC Sixth Assessment Report, published in February, states: 'Human-induced climate change is causing dangerous and widespread disruption in nature and affecting the lives of billions of people around the world.' We should not be contributing further to that.

At a time of global pandemic and war, it is inappropriate, at best, that huge sums of public money should be diverted to what is, in my opinion, no more than a vanity project that will take years to complete, cost billions at a time of austerity and probably do little to ease traffic flow.

Please reject this environmentally costly scheme and keep Stonehenge safe for generations to come.

Yours faithfully

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