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To:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

Date: 15 March 2022 13:45:11

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am opposed to the new A303 Stonehenge scheme.

As far as I can see, National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision_into account, nor has it acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area to be "significantly adverse";

There has not been a full assessment of 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. Nor has there been an exploration of 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. Finally I do not believe the scheme construction costs nor carbon assessment and costs have been updated.

Meanwhile, 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, finally, the Environment Act 2021 has already set new ambitions around nature recovery.

Yours sincerely, Terry Blake