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Subject: Comments on the Redetermination of Stonehenge Road Transport Scheme

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Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

I have several concerns that National Highways has not:

- made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee into account;
- acknowledged that the Secretary of State 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.

Since the Examination close, the Environment Act 2021 has set new ambitions around nature recovery and it is crucial to take into consideration that following the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, concern for climate change has increased. There is a need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would.

Kind regards,

Clare Sander