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Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Sir,

I am concerned by the thought that the Stonehenge landscape may be damaged by the proposed A303 scheme.

I am particularly perturbed that National Highways has not taken the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account and made corresponding Changes to the scheme. Neither has the Authority acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".

There are fully assessed alternative routes which would be less damaging to the World Heritage Site, for example, a southern bypass route which would be cheaper, and there is the obvious answer of a longer tunnel which would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site. As a nation, we should be looking for the best solution to preserving Stonehenge, rather than the cheapest or easiest.

As far as I am aware, National Highways have not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions by looking at the safeguarding and enhancing of the World Heritage Site, by way of a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West. National Highways has not updated the scheme construction costs, nor has it updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report; there is a need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would.

The Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

I trust that all these considerations will be taken into account in deciding how to proceed.

Yours faithfully

Charles Thompson

