FAO A303 Stonehenge Case Team.

Redetermination of the Stonehenge Road Scheme.

Please take into account my objection as follows;

The Applicant, National Highways in responding to the request for further information has not;

Made any changes to reflect the decision of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee to put the Stonehenge Heritage Site on the list of endangered World Heritage Sites unless the scheme is modified.

Made any changes to reflect the opinion of the Transport Secretary that the impact of the scheme on the proposed western cutting area would be 'significantly adverse'. It is absolutely true that this proposal would have a massive and irreversible adverse impact on the Heritage Site.

Fully assessed alternative options or routes which would be less damaging. For example, a longer tunnel or other road schemes/improvements.

Explored alternatives to hard engineering which could include measures to reduce road traffic or improvements to other access routes to the south west.

Updated scheme construction costs or the carbon assessment.

Please also consider my further strong views as follows;

We are guardians of an internationally important World Heritage Site, one of the most famous structures in the world. There is still much to discover and there should be no question whatsoever of any further destruction; not even of a square metre of the site. The proposed scheme simply does not sufficiently protect the Stonehenge landscape; the adverse effects on archaeology and the noise and visual intrusion will in my view, be unacceptable. If the scheme cost is a major factor to be considered in making the decision and it is too costly, then we must delay the scheme until we can afford to do the job properly. There must be no cutting corners.

The proposed scheme is subject to so much opposition and once built, it it irrevocable. Timescales should not matter; Stonehenge is already thousands of years old and if it takes a few more years to get to a broad agreement on how to best protect this unique monument, then so be it.

Stonehenge has a global value and is of immense significance to all people of all times; it must not be compromised in this brutal way just to sort out a bit of a traffic jam on the A303.

With best wishes,

Stephen Randall



Sent from my iPad