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We wish to respond to the submission made by National Highways in respect of the redetermination of the A303 Stonehenge Road Scheme.

In respect of Stonehenge's status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, National Highways has not made any changes to the scheme that would alter the World Heritage Committee's decision that, if the present scheme proceeds without modification, it is possible that the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites will be placed on the list of world heritage in danger. Nor has National Highways acknowledged that the Secretary of State's opinion was that the scheme would have a significant adverse input on the proposed western cutting area.

National Highways has not given adequate consideration to exploring possible alternative routes which would be less damaging to the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. Nor has it considered alternative measures which would mitigate the need for the proposed scheme, such as measures to reduce road traffic in that area. This would be in keeping with the IPCC's report on climate change that critical action is needed to reduce emissions; these would only increase if the National Highways proposed scheme goes ahead.

National Highways has not updated its construction costs from the original £1.6bn which are likely to increase particularly in view of ground conditions and nature of the poor quality chalk in the area.

This submission supports our view that the National Highways A303 Stonehenge Road Scheme is very damaging to this site of major archaeological importance and threatens its status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It also takes no account of climate change and the critical need to reduce emissions.

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