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The current proposed route and infrastructure must not proceed.

The government has completely ignored the views, recommendations and verdict of the 2021 World Heritage Committee

No reassessment has been made of alternative routes. This is despite the Secretary of State stating that the favoured western cutting area ' would have a 'significant adverse' effect on Stonehenge.

Since the World Heritage Committee report, the government has neither updated the scheme's construction costs. It has also failed to reassess and update the associated carbon assessment and costs (financial and environmental).

A longer tunnel would have less of an impact on the World Heritage site.

A southern bypass would be cheaper than the officially proposed and preferred route. Far from perfect, but it ought to be re-examined as a possible option after its details have tweaked and modified to make its own impact less harmful.

It is also time to reassess if road engineering near Stonehenge is appropriate at all.

We need a realistic assessment as to whether spending an equivalent amount of money on improving rail infrastructure and public transport in the area, and reducing road traffic on the route would be more appropriate. Wiltshire and the wider South-West's railways are crying out for electrification, doubling of single track, more railfreight terminal, more reversals of Beeching closures.

The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report is absolutely stark on the threats to our very survival from the continuing use, extraction and burning of fossil fuels, and rising poor air quality. I see no evidence that the government, Department of Transport or the Planning Inspectorate are taking these serious matters on board or making the difficult decisions that they demand.

The currently proposed A303 proposals would only make matters worse.

Yours sincerely

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