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For the attention of the Secretary of State for Transport:

My name is Kat Clavell-Bate [REDACTED]

I am writing as I understand you wish to hear from the public on the National Highways proposed Redetermination of Stonehenge Road Scheme.

I grew up in this area, and still visit it regularly. My niece and nephew attend [REDACTED], so it is of added importance to me. Fundamentally I believe this is a site of national importance which the current plans are at risk of destroying.

I believe the National Highways response to the concerns is minimalizing and disregards expert opinion.

National Highways has not:

- **made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee [Decision](#) into account;**
- has not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "**significantly adverse**";
- **has not 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.

Other changes since the Examination closed:

- concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would; and
- the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

I remain hugely concerned about this issue and I hope that you will give it the consideration it deserves.

Yours faithfully
Kat Clavell-Bate
Senior social worker and parent