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Good Morning,

I have a special interest in Stonehenge and I am hearted to hear that you have asked for the A303 scheme to be re looked at, any alternative proposal should be looked at as a priority. This crucially historic site is beautiful and sacred to many.

It is sad that National Highways have not made any changes to the scheme despite the decisions and comments made by the World Heritage Committee and the comments made by yourself regarding the proposed western cutting area and the significantly adverse impact it would have on the area.

Why is an alternative route not being looked at? A southern bypass has been costed to be cheaper, it may be more complicated to complete but this shouldn't steer the project. A proposal of a longer tunnel would reduce the impact of this important World Heritage Site and should be looked upon favourably.

Alternative engineering solutions need to be looked at to minimise any impact on the site and surrounding area. An alternative design would enhance the area due to the reduction of traffic thus reducing carbon emissions and improve access to the South West. There needs to be an updated scheme to take into consideration new costs & also the impact on emissions and carbon reduction.

As we all know Climate Change is constantly in the headlines and any new scheme needs to look at how to reduce its impact on the environment. Habitats are disappearing at an alarming rate and our wildlife is suffering to the point of extinction. The new Environment Act 2021 has taken into account the impact we are making to our planet, now is the time to act and help nature recover before it is too late, nature is powerful when it is given the opportunity and we need to allow it to do its thing. Any reduction on emissions will help so a new design for the scheme should be pushed for so it can consider recommendations from climate experts and make them a reality.

Stone Henge is important to the world, it is a UNESCO World Heritage site, the World Heritage Committee is there to protect these precious sites and

they need to be listened to. Once construction starts we cannot put it back, it will be lost forever.

The recent archaeological work that has been carried out at Stone Henge & environs has found how important the surrounding landscape is to this amazing site, any plans need to be considered carefully and the impact on the site and surrounding landscape minimised.

And just to add one more thing about the value of this site and monument as a sacred place to Pagans and Druids etc, theirs may be a religious belief that isn't as prominent as some but I do wonder if this place was important, for example, to the Christian or Islamic religions would it be so readily abused in this way.

Kind Regards

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