

From: [REDACTED]
To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Extension of Roads round Stonehenge
Date: 11 March 2022 14:39:09

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Secretary of State has invited comments on the Stonehenge Road Scheme.

Stonehenge is a World Heritage Site and should be valued not only for its links with the past but also as a historical feature for future generations. It is irreplaceable and should be treasured and protected from current threats.

National Highways has not:

- **made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee [Decision](#) into account;**
- acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "**significantly adverse**";
- **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.

Also, the threats from climate change have increased and attention has been drawn to them by the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the need to reduce emissions, not increase them, as the new road scheme would.

The Environment Act of 2021 sets new targets for nature recovery. This is something that cannot be ignored as the natural world is shrinking before our eyes. We cannot turn a blind eye.

Yours faithfully

Patricia Dakin

[REDACTED]