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Dear Sirs

I am responding to National Highways' submissions regarding the proposed new dual carriageway (the A303) through the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. It would seem that these submissions may be challenged on a number of points.

In particular, National Highways has not

1. made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee's decision dated 22nd July 2021 into account;
2. acknowledged that the Secretary of State has found that the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";
3. 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;
4. 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;
5. updated the scheme's construction costs; nor
6. updated the carbon assessment and costs

Since the Examination closed, concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report as has the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, and not increase them (as any new Stonehenge road scheme would). Furthermore, the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery which do not seem to be reflected in National Highways' submissions.

Yours faithfully

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