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I am writing to express my concern about the technical response on the access plan to bypass the World Heritage site at Stonehenge. As a member of both Civic Voice and the National Trust, I am very concerned about how little progress has been made towards safeguarding the area for future generations. The technological proposals seem little different from those already rejected, with a notable absence of up to date costings, and with no regard to the recent issues on climate change that should have required the shedding of new light upon the proposals.

These still seem to be focused on variations on a theme, without in-depth consideration of other options eg a longer tunnel, approach from another direction and there does not seem to be any awareness of how modern archaeological approaches reveal potential for revealing more of the past over a larger extent of the site. Once built over, it would no longer be possible to excavate or even imagine sourcing other material.

There must be scope for bypassing the site more significantly, possibly with the introduction of road charging, use of buses and emergency passes for doctors, police and ambulances. The famous cave drawings at Lascaux were saved by building a replica and a similar idea could be considered for Stonehenge, making the whole site inaccessible, except for professionals engaged in research.

Yours sincerely

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