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Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write with reference to the Redetermination of the A303 Stonehenge scheme, following your request to members of the public such as myself to comment on the submission from National Highways.

There are several points I would like to make:

It seems to me as though National Highways has not made any changes to its scheme to take into account the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision of 22nd July 2021, neither had it acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".

I really feel that it needs to fully assess the alternative routes which would be less damaging to the Stonehenge World Heritage site and also to explore alternatives to hard engineering solutions, especially in terms of looking at measures to reduce road traffic, which would tally with the new report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which advises the urgent need to reduce emissions, not increase them - as the National Highways scheme currently on offer would inevitably do.

I would also like to respectfully draw your attention to the Environment Act 2021 which demands more effort in protecting nature and its recovery - again, National Highways is not taking this into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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