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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Dear Sir,

I'm writing in regard to the above scheme.

I understand that National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account. If this is correct, how can this be right?

Nor have they acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".

Why haven't National Highways fully assessed alternatives routes that would be less damaging to the World Heritage Site. I'm aware that a southern bypass route would be cheaper, even if there are some problems.

I'm also informed that National Highways has not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site - to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West.

National Highways don't seem to have updated the scheme construction costs nor updated the carbon assessment costs.

I feel that since this Scheme was proposed that a great number of things have happened. We have had Brexit, and Covid and now Ukraine. All this has cost an enormous amount of money which we weren't prepared for. So I feel to build a tunnel now in these times is a terrible waste of money for what? If there is such an amount of money it would be better spent on the NHS or helping people fleeing Ukraine. I think this scheme needs looking at again and looking more at widening the A303 in different areas where possible. Materials have gone up hugely so the cost of a tunnel will be escalating daily. The nub of this is that as a country can we afford this and the answer is no. It's an extravagance in a time when fuel and food prices are rising and people are struggling with heating bills. Not only the effects on people but the environment too. We are grappling with climate change - we need to helping the environment, not digging up more green fields. Better public transport would reduce cars and emissions.

There are other options and they are out there so please, please can you take all this into account? Many thanks for reading this.

Best wishes

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