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Good morning, I am here to submit my concerns regarding the expansion of the A303 around Stonehenge.

I would like to point out that there are numerous holes in the Redetermination of this route that seem to have been ignored by National Highways:

- They haven't bothered to consider that fact that Stonehenge is a World Heritage Site, as outlined in by the World Heritage Committee in 2021.
- Acknowledged that the Secretary of State has found that this Scheme to have a "significantly adverse" impact on the area where the road is due to be.
- They haven't considered any other alternative routes other than this one, many of which would be less damaging to the Site. This includes a longer tunnel, or a Southern bypass which would be cheaper to construct, even if it may have some problems with it.
- There are also alternatives to hard engineering that they have blatantly not paid any attention to, that will help safeguard the integrity of the site: A package of measures that would reduce road traffic, emissions and improve access to the South West could be done at a much cheaper rate and (at the rate of things going with the Scheme), a much faster rate as well.
- Other minor points include how they have not updated the construction costs of the scheme, not updated the carbon assessments and the costs from that.

There are also a few points that I feel need to be brought up since the examination has closed:

- The concerns of climate change have increased since the latest report by the International Panel on Climate Change was released, which highlighted the urgent need to reduce emissions, something that any Stonehenge Scheme (this one especially) would have an opposite effect on.
- The Environment Act of 2021 sets out ambitious targets for the halting of climate change, and for nature recovery, of which this project would run in sheer contrast with.

I hope that you can take these comments into serious consideration and halt this scheme before it's too late.

Yours Sincerely,
Joseff Thomas.

