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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Dear Planning Inspectorate Team,

I'm writing to give my views on National Highways recent response to the Secretary Of State's call for responses about five matters that he wished to be considered, by them, namely:

a. Alternatives, Policy, Carbon, Environmental Information and Any Other Matters.

In my opinion, National Highways has not:

- a. Made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision into account.
- b. Acknowledged that the you found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "**significantly adverse**".
- c. Fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site (for example, 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).
- d. Explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site (for example, a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West).
- e. Updated the scheme construction costs.

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f. Updated the carbon assessment and costs.

In addition, there are other changes since the Examination closed, that I believe should be taken into account:

a. Concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would.

and

b. The Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

For all these reasons, I consider that National Highways has not, properly, responded to the Secretary Of State's call for responses about the five matters.

Yours sincerely,

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