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Dear planning inspectorate,

Referring to the plans for the World Heritage site of Stonehenge, National Highways has not made changes to take the World Heritage Committee decision into account.

It has not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the impact of the schemes suggested would be significantly adverse. I am referring here to the proposed western cutting area.

National Highways has not given a full assessment of alternative less damaging routes, for example a western bypass would be cheaper, despite a few problems; also a longer tunnel would lessen the impact on Stonehenge.

National Highways needs to explore alternatives to hard engineering solutions to safeguard and improve the World Heritage site e.g. measures to reduce road traffic, emissions and improve access to the South West.

National Highways has not updated costs of the scheme construction costs nor updated the carbon assessment costs thereof.

We need to point out that with increasing concerns about climate change in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, there is now a need to take action to reduce emissions, whereas any new Stonehenge road scheme would increase them.

Also the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions about nature recovery.

Yours truly

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