To whom it may concern,

I remain concerned about the National Highways scheme to create a dual carriageway at the Stonehenge site.

National Highways:

1. Has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account;

2. Has not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";

3. Has not fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., 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;

4. Has not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site - e.g. a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West;

5. Has not updated the scheme construction costs;

6. Has not updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Furthermore, since the Examination closed, concern for climate change has increased.

The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report emphasises the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, and not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would.

Lastly, the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions and targets around nature recovery.

The current Stonehenge scheme does nothing to help achieve these ambitions and targets, and may well work in opposition to them.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

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