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Dear Planning Inspectorate

Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge Road Scheme

Thank you for the opportunity to make representations about this redetermination.

I submitted an objection to the proposal at the 2019 Inquiry.

I maintain my profound objection to National Highways proposal for any tunnel, tunnelling, cuttings, dual-carriageways or other infrastructure construction work in the vicinity of Stonehenge, for a number of reasons:

1. Recent and continuing archaeological investigations in the vicinity of Stonehenge are revealing that the whole area has features, artefacts and sites of potentially huge and significant archaeological interest: no major construction works should be contemplated at all as there is still so much to be discovered and understood, especially about the inter-relationships of the features in the wider area, for instance with the barrows, the River Avon, Durrington Walls, the cursus monuments and avenues - and the routes over which the sarsens and bluestones were transported.
2. The archaeological interest in the whole area represents a very long time-scale – at least 9000 years. The current apparent problems with the A303 are insignificant in that time-scale: if we take even just a 50-year time horizon, it is likely that our need for travel, and our modes of transport, will be very different in the near-term future. A tunnel or other construction works would permanently damage a hugely valuable archaeological landscape. Near-future generations will regard a decision to press ahead with any tunnel, dualling or similar works, as extraordinarily short-sighted, absurd and unjustifiably damaging.
3. The UK has a moral and international duty to take seriously UNESCO's World Heritage Committee's objections to the proposal, and their arguments about the immense and irreparable damage to the status of the World Heritage Site.
4. I agree with the Examining Authority's conclusions that the proposals would cause substantial, permanent and irreversible harm to the WHS and undermine any prospects for enlargement of the WHS.

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