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To:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

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Dear Mr. Shapps,

Regarding the National Highways response to your questions regarding the A303 Stonehenge scheme I wish to respond as a member of the public.

I would like to note that National Highways has

- not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account.
- not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse"
- not fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route which would be cheaper or a longer tunnel which would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site
- 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
- not updated the scheme construction costs nor updated the carbon assessment and costs

Other matters that I urge you to take into account are

- the increased urgency to reduce emissions from road traffic leading to climate change, especially in light of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report
- greater concerns for nature recovery as set out in the Environment Act 2021

Yours sincerely, Nigel Bryant