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Subject: A303 Road Changes
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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to state, in the strongest possible way, my objections to a scheme which will destroy one of the most important archaeological sites in the UK and the world.

The wider site around the Henge and its immediate area has not yet been fully explored and it is impossible to know what treasures may still lie beneath the surface. For that reason alone, it is unacceptable to drive a massive ditch through the area.

Additionally, National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account, nor acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".

It would be vandalism on a massive scale to proceed until you have 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.

Nor have you fully 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.

Also, I am concerned by the way the costs of these major infrastructure schemes spiral once contracts have been signed. No further steps should be taken unless and until the scheme construction costs (financial and carbon) have been updated.

Also, many other factors have altered since the Examination closed: 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 the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

Until this work is carried out, and the answers are carefully assessed, the scheme should not go ahead.

With Warm Good Wishes,

