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I am very concerned that the National Highways proposals for the development of the A303 will have an unwarranted deleterious effect on the Stonehenge World Heritage Site.

In its response to the Secretary of State for Transport, National Highways has ***not***

[1] acknowledged that the Secretary of State found that proposed scheme would have a significantly adverse impact on the western cutting area.

[2] fully assessed alternatives that would be less damaging such as a southern bypass or a longer tunnel.

[3] taken the 22 July 2021 World Heritage Committee's concerns into account. Those concerns were that the proposed developments would place Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites on the List of World Heritage in Danger.

[4] explored alternatives to structural engineering that would improve access to the South West.

[5] updated the carbon assessment and costs.

[6] updated the proposed scheme's construction costs.

In addition, since the examination closed, concern for climate change has increased as detailed in the most recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and the Environment Act 2021 has set new ambitions for nature recovery.

For these reasons the present Nation Highways scheme should be rejected and a more appropriate proposal sought.

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