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I have read with some interest that the Secretary of State for Transport wants to take a decision on the Stonehenge road scheme. I gather the public have been invited to put their views, as well as the National Highways agency.

My interest lies in two major aspects, the climate emergency, which must be address with urgency by all government departments as well as by industry and the population, and historical sites.

The Intergovernmental Panel on climate change report notes that we urgently need to REDUCED road traffic; which of course would additionally reduce emissions and damage to these ancient monuments. So I am against enlarging and up-dating the road in this account.

Roads bring traffic. Better roads are used by more traffic, that is good new roads generate a rise in traffic. This country has to consider decreasing the use of private cars and increasing the use of public transport and the use of rail for heavy goods. Whatever route this road follows these points MUST be considered. In the light of them do we need a fast, wide road if we are going to improve our transport links by better public transport and greater use of rail/sea/canal?

The World Heritage Committee agreed the idea proposed by National Highways was not good, and would have a 'significantly adverse' effect on the area. It does not appear National Highways has taken their view into account at all, nor un-dated the projected costs of their scheme. Why not?

Guidance by the Environment Act 2021 has set new ambitions around nature recovery. Has National Highways taken on board what would be required if they align themselves to these?

It is clear that archaeologically speaking this area has much, much more to reveal of historical interest. Road building of any sort will not help that, and certainly is unlikely to do these iconic structures any good.

I would like the National Highway scheme not to go ahead, for there not to be new roads built but there to be more emphasis on developing a coherent plant of far better public transport to open up communication in the South West.

with good wishes,
Juliet Morton