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Subject: Response to latest consultation on road works at Stonehenge
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Hello,

I register my ongoing objections to the plans for new and varied roads around Stonehenge.

It is vital that this important historic monument has a retained integrity and access, and that the archaeology surrounding it is kept intact for future research and understanding.

I have specific points to raise:

Since the original assessment, National Highways has **not**:

- altered the Scheme in line with the 2021 World Heritage Committee [Decision](#);
- recognised that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the 'western cutting area' would be **“significantly adverse”**;
- properly and fairly assessed less damaging alternative routes around the World Heritage Site, eg a southern bypass route. That would be cheaper even with any constructional issues. A longer tunnel will reduce impact on the World Heritage Site and keep it an attraction for visitors without polluting the environment with traffic noise (which carries further in country zones than in towns) nor pollutants;
- in terms of alternative engineering options, explored alternatives which are compatible with safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site. A comprehensive package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West would be a longer-term net benefit by any reasonable criteria;
- revised scheme construction costs; nor
- revised carbon assessment and costs.

Since the Examination closed, the following have occurred:

- growing concerns for climate change have been recorded in the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, which refers to the need for urgent action to reduce emissions, not to keep them as they are, let alone increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would; and
- the Environment Act 2021 has set new criteria for nature recovery.

All of this directly demonstrates that an unfair, unreasonable, predetermined outcome is being imposed on one of the world's greatest monuments, a blot which will be blamed on named individuals for a long time to come. Is that worth being remembered for?

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