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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am most concerned about the proposed vandalism of a World Heritage Site when a much better alternative exists. This is not a matter of short-term interest but long-term stewardship of irreplaceable heritage.

I would, therefore, like to make the following comments on the submissions by National Highways and request a re-examination of the Development Consent Order.

In its submissions National Highways has not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site through, for example a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West.

It has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee [Decision](#) into account; nor has it acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".

It has not fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site (such as a southern bypass route or a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site); nor has it updated the scheme construction costs and the carbon assessment and costs.

Since the Examination closed in October 2019 concern for climate change has greatly increased and the 2021 Environment Act sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

Surely the omission on current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and new information since the Examination closed in October 2019 are compelling grounds for a re-examination by an independent panel before the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.

Yours,

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