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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Dear Secretary of State,

I am concerned to see that National Highways, in its response to your enquiry, appears to have taken up none of the concerns you expressed.

It has neither made any changes to the scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision into account; nor acknowledged that you that found the scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be 'significantly adverse'.

Moreover, it seems to have made no effort to fully assess alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site. Nor has it explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site.

Most significantly, it has not updated the scheme's construction costs, nor updated the carbon assessment and costs. This is completely untenable in the context of the latest IPCC report, with its expressed need to reduce carbon emissions, not to increase them as this proposal, if implemented, would. It also flies in the face of the Environment Act 2021, which expressly requires the conservation and restoration of the natural environment, since this scheme would cause massive environmental destruction as well as untold (because unknown) damage to the precious archaeological remains within the World Heritage Site and beyond.

The case for a further enquiry by an independent panel before your redetermination of the new, but completely inadequately modified, scheme seems to me to be compelling.

Yours sincerely,

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