From:
A303 Stoneheng

Subject: Comments on National Highways responses and request for re-examination

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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am writing to ask for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order for the A303 Stonehenge scheme.

Regarding National Highways' responses to the Secretary of State, I am concerned that:

- National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account
- National Highways has not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area to be "significantly adverse"
- National Highways has not fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site, such as a southern bypass route
- National Highways has not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site
- National Highways has not updated the scheme construction costs
- National Highways has not updated the carbon assessment and costs

In addition to this, no account seems to have been taken of the increasing concern around climate change, nor the change in journey patterns as a result of the pandemic.

In my opinion, the omission of current cost estimates, UNESCO's position, and the 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.

Many thanks,

Andy Beverley