Sir,

I have been notified of the proposals made by National Highways and consider they are at fault. This Heritage Site will suffer if the proposals are allowed to proceed in this form.

Please note that National Highways, (NH), have ignored previous decisions and comments from learned bodies and have decided to proceed without care and consideration.

Changes have not been made by NH to the scheme to take into account the 2021 Worlds Heritage Committee decision on this matter.

NH have declined to acknowledge that the Secretary of Sate found the scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be adverse.

NH have not fully assessed alternative routes that would be less damaging to this World Heritage Site.

NH have not looked at alternatives to the hard engineering proposed in the context of safeguarding and enhancing this precious site, reducing road traffic, emissions and improved access to the south west of this great country of ours.

NH have failed to update the construction costs of the proposed scheme and also the carbon assessments and associated costs.

NH seem oblivious to the concern for climate change highlighted by the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions. This scheme would undoubtably increase emissions which this country has signed up to reduce.

NH seem to have ignored the Environment Act 2021 which sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

This site is a one off and must NOT be damaged for the sake of saving money whilst providing a new road through the area. NH have taken the cheapest and easiest way to increase traffic flow through something that has been there for too many centuries, it must not be damaged as it can never be replaced. It is part of our history and national heritage so leave it alone and route the road well away to somewhere else that will not cause any lasting damage.

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