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Dear Sir/Madam,

Can a re-examination of the grounds for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down be made as soon as possible before the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme. I have and am taking an interest in this as a Archaeologist and Pre-historian.

I Note the following: The National Highways has not complied with the following:

1. made no changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account;
2. Not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";
3. Not fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, while a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site;
4. Not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site – e.g. a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West;
5. Definitely NOT updated the scheme construction costs; given we are coming out of a two year COVID lockdown and a massive debt from that. Cost overruns will not be acceptable,
6. Not updated the carbon assessment and costs.
7. Since the Examination closed concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would, and
8. Also the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery, especially around conservation covenants.

Regards

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