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Dear Grant Schapps,

I am writing to you as I am very concerned that you have resubmitted a proposal for Stonehenge that has already been rejected on appeal.

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Your most recent proposal has not made any changes to take the World Heritage Committee decision into account. You do not seem to have acknowledged that the scheme's impact was found to be 'significantly adverse'. And the other options do not appear to have been given appropriate consideration.

Other issues include....

- You also do appear to have **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;
- you have not updated the scheme construction costs; nor
- you havenot updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Other changes 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
- the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

I am extremely concerned that the status of Stonehenge as a UNESCO World heritage site is at risk. How shameful would it be if our iconic Stonehenge was stripped of its status? We would be the laughing stock of the world.

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