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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Against re-determination of dual carriage way
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Importance: High

Dear Madam / Sir,

I'm writing to object to the proposed re-determination of the dual carriage way that National Highways is trying to force through.

The environmental and cultural damage that this proposed road would cause is unacceptable and regressive in our current climate crisis, when investment in public transport and cutting of emissions is vital, along with putting an extraordinary and unique World Heritage Site at risk.

As I understand it, National Highways has not:

- made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee [Decision](#) into account;
- acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";
- 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;
- 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;
- updated the scheme construction costs; nor
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

And of course, there are 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 ask you for a re-examination by an independent panel, BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a Development Consent Order for the very same road scheme.

I understand that the omission on current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and new information since the Examination closed in October 2019, are compelling grounds for a re-examination.

Please act to protect our environment and heritage for ourselves and future generations.

Yours sincerely,

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