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For the attention of the Planning Inspectorate

It is a matter of great concern and anxiety to me to find that National Highways has not made <u>any</u> purposive changes to the A303 Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision concerning the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge into account. Any observation of the impact this February 2022 scheme will have demonstrates and re-enforces the validity of the World Heritage Committee 2021 decision and the extensive insufficiency of National Highways' response.

It is not acceptable for a body (such as National Highways) maintained for the benefit of the nation and the public at large to fail to respond to core issues legitimately raised in the consultation of this scheme, when implementation will indeed be significantly adverse to the World Heritage site, incorporating generally (and almost universally) accepted irreversible damage to the heritage of the country and the world.

The purposes of a submission to a scheme re-determination by a public body such as National Highways is not a game; a 'we stand our ground' position on the possibility or practicality of an alternative route, on an extension to the tunnel as now proposed, or on the need for any meaningful engagement with the context of a reappraised COP26 and post COP26 carbon and environmental impact is not acceptable. Submission to a re-determination is not a negotiation nor should it be a game of hardball. Times have changed and so has the legislative framework in which, across a number of fronts, the matter should now be considered. Turning one's back on a revised legislative and policy framework and a failure to respond to legitimate issues, in this matter of national significance, is unhelpful, misguided and a dereliction of responsibility to the public.

It is my view that National Highways' re-submission is substantively flawed in failing in any meaningful way to address or seek to remedy the huge concerns about this 'road improvement' scheme.

I ask for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order.

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