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I am concerned that it appears that National Highways has ignored the whole report and has NOT:

- made any alterations to the official Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision seriously. This was, to remind you, “should the A303 Stonehenge scheme proceed and
- not modified, consideration will be given to placing Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites on the List of World Heritage in Danger” in 2022;
- acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme’s impact on the proposed western cutting area would be “significantly adverse”;
- fully assessed the alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route or a longer tunnel. The former would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, while a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site. However, this would probably damage the archeology of the area, which has been enlarged by recent finds
- explored viable alternatives to hard engineering solutions concerning the safeguarding and enhancing this 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 which, given the governments experience with other recent, major infrastructure projects (Crossrail, HS2, etc.) will be massively increased and unaffordable under current financial restraints;
- updated the carbon assessment and costs. General 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 await your reply with interest. Please do not ignore these rational concerns to protect our national heritage.

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