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I am writing to you as a supporter of the Stonehenge Alliance.

I would expect any World Heritage site to be protected and cared for by the government and people of its location. Any dangers to them should be from erosion, weathering, natural disasters, or wars.

The World Heritage Committee decided in 2021 that approval of this scheme would place Stonehenge at risk of being listed as World Heritage in Danger. The Secretary of State has found there would be a significantly adverse impact on part of the site. These two facts show how damaging to the Stonehenge site this road scheme would be, and how amazing it is that it is being considered. National Highway's response does not acknowledge or take these facts into account.

There must be alternative routes or schemes which have not been fully considered. Tunnels are hugely expensive to build, so a longer route which bypasses the whole site and removes the need for a tunnel must be worth considering on cost grounds alone. National Highways have not provided updated cost estimates. Construction costs will have risen since the last estimates, and it is unreasonable not to expect them to continue to rise dramatically in the near future, as all other costs are doing. Accurate cost information is vital before any decision is made.

To meet climate change challenges, we need to reduce the amount of traffic on our roads. This will have the benefit of removing the need to widen the A303 at all. Major efforts should be focused on providing viable alternatives to private car use.

Given the climate change situation, Unesco's position, and the lack of updated cost information, I believe the scheme should be independently reviewed before any decision to proceed is made.

Regards,  
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