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To:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Stonehenge Redetermination Response

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to formally register my concerns in response to the request for submissions by National Highways in relation to the A303 Stonehenge scheme reapplication.

I am concerned about the fact that National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account. In addition, National Highways has not acknowledged the fact that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse" - or fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site. National Highways has also not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site. Nor has it updated the scheme construction costs nor updated the carbon assessment and costs.

I would also add my point that, 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. Let's not also forget that the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

In light of these points, I would like to request a re-examination of the Development Consent Order. Because, in my view, 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 by an independent panel before the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.

I trust that my comments will be included for consideration to help ensure the continued survival of what is one of our country's most loved and significant historic landmarks.

Yours sincerely,

Camilla Zajac



