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Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

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Dear Sirs

I believe that there is a compelling case for a re-examination of the scheme BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines a re-application for the very same road scheme.

National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account or acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".

It has not fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route, which would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, or a longer tunnel which would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site. It hasn't 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 or updated the scheme construction costs, nor updated the carbon assessment and costs.

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.

Please hold National Highways to account for their blustering, incompetent attitude to these serious points

Yours sincerely

