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Dear Sirs

I understand that Grant Schapps is reviewing once more the proposed road scheme on the A303 which directly affects the world heritage site at Stonehenge.

Whilst it is undeniable that some form of traffic management scheme is required given that this is a busy route leading to the West Country, I do not feel that sufficient has been done by the national Highways to take into account recent developments eg the 2021 World Heritage Commission Decision and the Environment Act 2021 which affirms the importance of nature recovery.

Less damaging alternative routes Eg a southern by pass or a longer tunnel need to be explored and cost assessed fully.

In addition surely it must be preferable (and cheaper) to take less invasive measures rather than resorting to the proposed “hard engineering” solution to protect the site. Protection should be the first consideration not an afterthought. A package of measures could be put in place to reduce road traffic in the area which would also have the effect of reducing emissions, which is an extremely important consideration . Further efforts should be given to enabling ways of reducing carbon emissions – the carbon assessment has not been updated so far as I am aware. Greater emphasis should be placed on trying to address climate change concerns when considering projects of this nature.

Given the general rise in costs, a further costs assessment should be made of the proposed scheme as against less invasive alternatives.

In my opinion, given all of the above developments since the Examination closed in October 2019, there are sufficient grounds for a re-examination by an independent panel BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the road scheme that was considered previously.

I therefore request a re- examination of the Development Consent Order relating to the A303 Stonehenge road scheme.

Thankyou.

Kind regards

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