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To:
A303 Stonehenge

**Subject:** Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

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## Dear Secretary of State,

I am very concerned about the future of Stonehenge, which is a world treasure, the likes of which exists nowhere else in such power. It is to be cherished and looked after. It belongs to all of us. We are all concerned parties.

This does not seem to have registered in the psyche of National Highways. Nor does the urgent action needed to reduce emissions ,not to increase them.

What kind of country host a world wide climate change event ,passes the environment act in 2021 and then even entertains the idea of desecrating something as unique and invaluable as Stonehenge for the sake of traffic.

## National Highways has not:

- made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account;
- acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";
- fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, while a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site;
- **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;
- updated the scheme construction costs; nor
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

## Please ask for a re-examination of Development Consent Order

In our opinion 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.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona McKenzie

Sent from my iPad