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National Highways has not made any changes to the scheme taking the World Heritage Committee into account. Not has it 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, neither by a southern bypass route, nor a longer tunnel. It has not explored alternatives to the road construction, such as a package of measures to reduce road traffic or other ways of improving access to and from the South West. It has neither updated the scheme construction costs nor the carbon assessment and costs.

Since the Examination closed, there have been fresh reports of the severity of the impact of climate chaos and the urgency to reduce emissions has clearly increased. Any new Stonehenge road scheme would increase them. In addition, the Environment Act 2021 has set higher standards around the protection of the environment.

In my 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 sincerely,

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