From:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Objections to damaging Stonehenge World heritage site

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To whom it may concern

I would like to add my objection to the proposed A303 tunnel through the Stonehenge World heritage site. To do this as envisaged would be criminally irresponsible.

- No changes to the Scheme have been made to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision into account; which would put Stonehenge in danger of losing its world heritage status. Unthinkable
- I would like you to acknowledge and respond to the fact 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 Sitee.g., other alternatives need to be considered the 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
- You need to explore 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 figures Ned to be provided to outline the scheme's construction costs
- You need to update and consider the schemes carbon assessment and costs.

Other changes that need to be explored 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. ANd these need to be rigorously analysed.

I would like a re-examination of the Development Consent Order

The omission on current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and new information since the Examination closed in October 2019 are compelling grounds for a reexamination by an independent panel BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.

Yours faithfully

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