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Dear Mr Shapps

I have spent some time finding out more about the Stonehenge situation over the past year. I am writing to say that it is my belief that there is no justification for allowing the outdated Highways scheme to go ahead. Among other things, this scheme does NOT TAKE ACCOUNT of the findings and recommendations of the World Heritage Committee, and indeed threatens the very status of Stonehenge as a World Heritage Site. The scheme was originally proposed long before many of the recent understandings of the size and functions of the Stonehenge sites were understood. The costs and benefits of the scheme have not been reassessed in the light of the many changes since it was first proposed. Neither the carbon assessment nor the actual construction costs have been reassessed.

Alternatives have not been explored or compared: neither by a southern bypass route, nor a longer tunnel. Nor other measure to reduce road traffic or improve access to and from the South West.

I would plead for a much more sensitive approach to this unique site which Britain is famous for across the world. The arguments against this scheme are overwhelming to those who take the time to consider the detail and the objections. The fact it is being put forward for reconsideration and approval again leaves me wondering if there is some laziness or lack of objectivity or inappropriate politicisation of this matter of heritage and of the interest of all citizens

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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.

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Yours sincerely,

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