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To whom it may concern

I am writing to object to National Highways plan for the A303 at Stonehenge. As a World Heritage Site we have a very special obligation to protect this area. The World Heritage Committee's decision that the improved A303 improvement scheme 'is a potential threat....which....could have deleterious effects on its inherent characteristics' seems to have been ignored by National Highways. Also if the High Court confirms the Development Consent Order, the property should be added to the List of World Heritage in Danger.

In addition there has been no acknowledgement that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's on the proposed western cutting area to be 'significantly adverse'. Alternatives that would be significantly less damaging to the World Heritage Site, such as a longer tunnel or a southern bypass route, although fully assessed, have not been given serious consideration by National Highways. Alternatives to hard engineering, for example reducing road traffic and pollution and improving access to the South West have also not been considered. National Highways has neither updated the Scheme's construction costs nor updated the carbon assessment and costs, crucial in the light of the latest UN report on climate change.

The importance of nature recovery has been highlighted by new ambitions in the Environment Act 2021. Also the area is an internationally acclaimed archeological site which must be protected.

For all these reasons it is vitally important that there should be a re-examination by an independent panel before the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a Development Consent Order for the same road scheme.

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