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In relation to the A303 Stonehenge Road Widening Scheme, I am concerned and disappointed that **National Highways has failed to:**

- make any changes to the Scheme to take account of the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision (that if the outcome of Save Stonehenge WHS's legal challenge allows the A303 Stonehenge scheme to proceed and the scheme is not modified, consideration will be given to placing Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites on the List of World Heritage in Danger);
- acknowledge that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse" (which shows a cavalier attitude on the part of National Highways);
- fully assess alternative, less damaging routes to the World Heritage Site. (For example, a southern bypass route would be cheaper, albeit also associated with some problems. Also, a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site);
- explore alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site. (Such alternatives could include a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West);
- update the scheme construction costs (with current high inflation, this is a serious omission); nor
- update the carbon assessment and costs.

Further to the above points, the Environment Act 2021 sets out new ambitions around nature recovery. Further work should be undertaken to assess how the Scheme fits with these new ambitions.

Given the above, I would ask you to have the Development Consent Order re-examined by an independent panel before the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.