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I wish to make my comments on the National Highways submission regarding the A303 Stonehenge road widening scheme.

I am extremely concerned about the scheme and the National Highways submission, for a number of reasons. It seems to me that they have not given a full assessment of alternative routes that would be less damaging to this extremely important site, such as a long tunnel or possibly a bypass.

They also do not seem to have acknowledged what the Secretary of State said about the likely significant adverse impact on the area that is proposed for it to be cut into i.e. the western cutting. I find this totally amazing. I ask myself "why have they not done this?"

They also don't appear to have explored other options to safeguard our beloved World Heritage Site. Why not? They are only considering digging and constructing methods, both of which will inevitably damage the site. They should have considered other ways of safeguarding the site, such as controlling traffic and speed in some way.

Most amazing of all, they do not seem to have altered anything in the proposed scheme that would show that they had taken the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into any account. Again I ask why not?

Unbelievably in addition to all these things they have not done I am worried that their suggested construction costs are no longer realistic. Such costs are increasing year by year and in our current time of massive national debt, unstable economies, and supply shortages, I do not feel that the estimated construction costs are in line with the true situation. Also, what about our climate emergency? Today's announcements of supreme concern and the need to drastically and quickly cut carbon emissions much more rapidly than previously forecast, surely need to be considered?

For all these reasons I am asking you to please re-examine the Development Consent Order.

This is a really major world Heritage site, that still has much more to teach us. We must be very certain what we are doing. Once it is damaged things are lost forever.

Regards,

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