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Following the High Court's Order dated 30 July 2021 quashing the decision to grant development consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down, the Secretary of State issued his Statement of Matters

inviting National Highways to make further representation for the purposes of the re-determination of the application. In their response, National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision into account, nor fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site, nor explored alternatives to a hard engineering solution.

Stonehenge is prehistoric monument, a world heritage site and a special, sacred landscape with thousands of years of history, secrets and mystery. It is unique and there is still much archaeological investigation and discovery to be made in the surrounding landscape. We owe it to future generations to preserve and protect all that we can of this landscape and the proposed scheme risks the loss of so much of our ancestral heritage.

A southern bypass route to ease traffic congestion would be cheaper, but a much preferred alternative to a hard engineering solution would be a package of measures to reduce road traffic, reduce road emissions and improve public transport access to the South West.

Concern for climate change has increased since the Examination closed in October 2019 and there is now a more urgent need to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would.

Will the UK Government please re-consider the A303 road-widening scheme and the damage it would do to a World Heritage Site. A less damaging solution would properly and rightly protect the remarkable surroundings of Stonehenge.

There are compelling grounds for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order by an independent panel before the Secretary of State makes his decision.

Kind Regards
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