From:
 A303 Stonehenge

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Dear Sir.

I am very suprised that National Highways has resubmitted substantially unchanged plans for the A303 near Stonehenge. No account has been taken of recent developments that affect the viability of this project.

Only today the IPCC issued a report emphasising the dire state of the global climate and the importance of immediate ameliorative action. Action that had been pledged by world governments at COP22.

National Highways have taken no account of factors affecting costing, such as that of Brexit on the European labour market and the effects of the war in Ukraine on material, labour and energy costs.

Recent energy price increases could also have an effect on local traffic demand, putting the need for a new road in doubt.

The government's Environment Act 2021 commits to taking full account of effects on the environment of new infrastructure projects. The proposed road would have a devastating effect on already struggling wildlife.

In addition, UNESCO has stated that the status of Stonehenge as a World Heritage Site would be in question if the scheme as proposed were to go ahead.

For all these reasons I believe the project should be re-evaluated by an independent panel before the Secretary of State considers it.

Yours sincerely,

