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Sir,

I must highlight the road construction proposal which would compromise a World heritage Site at Stonehenge which is 5.4km wide with a dual carriageway only 3km long. This will threaten the very status of a World Heritage Site by cutting into an internationally acclaimed archaeological landscape. In addition to the above I ask for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order for the following reasons.

1. The National Highways has NOT made any changes to the scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision into account.
2. The National Highways has NOT fully assessed alternative routes that would be less damaging to the World Heritage Site, for example a longer tunnel or even a southern bypass route which would be cheaper.
3. The National Highways has NOT acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Schemes's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be in their words 'significantly adverse'.
4. The National Highways has NOT explored any alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site. For example explore ways to reduce road emissions, reduce road traffic and ultimately improve access to the South West.
5. The National Highways has NOT updated the schemes spiralling construction costs which the tax payer has a right to know. As we are all aware the cost of building materials has soared over the past two years.
6. The National Highways has NOT updated the carbon assessment and costs, again the British public have a right to be informed accordingly, we are the tax payers.

It is worth highlighting that since the examination was closed there is significant concern for climate change which has increased with the latest Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, NOT increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would. Please note the Environment Act 2021 has set new ambitions around nature recovery, could we please adhere to them.

Once again, please may I ask for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order. In my opinion this omission on current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and new information that has been disclosed since the Examination closed back in October 2019 are compelling grounds for the re-examination by an INDEPENDENT panel BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.

Yours faithfully,

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