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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Objections to the Stonehenge tunnel
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Dear Transport Secretary

I am writing to object to the proposed tunnel scheme going underneath World Heritage Site Stonehenge. This area is a sacred place and should be left alone. Furthermore, it appears that National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee [Decision](#) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] into account,

National Highways have also not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse"; fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it; explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site – e.g. a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West. Incredibly, National Highways have not even completed basic things to the proposal including updating the scheme's construction costs, post-pandemic, or updated the carbon assessment and costs in this area.

There is also more concern over climate change, which has increased with the latest Intergovernmental 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. Plus the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery - not destroying it further which this tunnel would do.

Please ask for a re-examination of Development Consent Order!

In my opinion, the omission on current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and new information since the Examination closed in October 2019 are compelling grounds for a re-examination by an independent panel BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.

Please take this matter seriously and don't cave into National Highways.

Many thanks

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A concerned citizen of England.