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This email is to register my comments on the proposed road widening scheme on the A303 at Stonehenge as proposed by National Highways.

I believe the proposed dual carriageway is completely inappropriate for the World Heritage Site.

The proposed dual carriageway would gouge deep cuttings into an internationally acclaimed archaeological landscape which would threaten the status of the World Heritage Site. National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to into account the World Heritage Committee 2021 decision.

No account has been taken of the Secretary of State finding the Scheme's impact in the Western cutting area to be "significantly adverse".

National Highways has not fully assessed alternative routes that would be less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g. a southern bypass or a longer tunnel.

No alternatives to hard engineering solutions have been explored with regard to safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site such as a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West.

Construction costs have not been updated nor have the carbon assessments or costs. Since the original Examination closed in 2019 concern for climate change 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.

The Environment Act of 2021 sets new ambitions regarding nature recovery. Please ask for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order given the current cost estimates, the UNESCO position and new information since the original Examination closed in October 2019.

I believe these 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.

Yours faithfully  
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