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Dear Sirs

I am extremely concerned that Stonehenge remains under threat from a proposed new dual carriageway. I believe that Grant Shapps is reviewing the A303 road widening scheme and has asked National Highways for a response on five areas he wishes to consider. In respect of that response and the proposal generally I wish to make the following comments for consideration.

It seems that National Highways (NH) has not made any changes to the scheme to take account of the World Heritage Committee's 2021 decision, or acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the scheme's impact to be 'significantly adverse'. Further, it appears that NH has not fully assessed alternative routes or methods which may be less damaging to Stonehenge e.g. a longer tunnel and/ or traffic reduction measures. In my view, no expense should be spared in ensuring that Stonehenge is safe. It is also not clear that NH has updated the carbon assessment and costs, which are crucial considerations.

Concern for climate change and its impacts has rightly increased since this matter was last considered. The need to take action to reduce emissions is urgent. How does a scheme which will increase emissions help the government meet environmental targets set out in the Environment Act 2021?

I ask for a re-examination of the development consent order. The omission of cost estimates, environmental considerations, UNESCO's position - and the grave danger proposed to Stonehenge by the proposals - are compelling grounds for such a re-examination. A re-examination should be undertaken by an independent panel BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines the application for a development consent order for the same scheme.

I feel passionately that Stonehenge should be preserved at all costs. Please ensure that the matters raised in this email are taken into account.

Yours faithfully
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