

From: [REDACTED]
To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Comments on recent submission
Date: 04 April 2022 15:53:13

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am writing to address the recent submission by National Highways.

It is my strong belief that National Highways continues to show a disregard for major concerns regarding the World Heritage Site in their planning. Their recent submissions show no evidence of having fully assessed alternative routes which would inflict less damage, such as a southern bypass route or a longer tunnel.

Furthermore, no alternatives to hard engineering solutions appear to have been explored which would safeguard the World Heritage Site, such as a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improved access to the South West.

Tellingly, the Scheme has made no changes whatsoever to take into account or acknowledge the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision, nor the Secretary of State's statement which categorised the impact of the Scheme on the proposed western cutting area to be 'significantly adverse'.

This is particularly important as worldwide concern for climate change has increased with the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, which highlights the need to urgently reduce emissions. The new Stonehenge Scheme would only serve to increase emissions, which is not in local, national or international interest. Similarly, the Environment Act 2021 has set new targets around nature recovery, highlighting how farcical it would be to embark on this new Scheme.

On another note, the submission by National Highways also did not update the scheme construction costs nor the costs of carbon assessment.

In sum, I do not believe the proposed Scheme is fit for purpose.

Many thanks,

Dr Athene Knüfer
Postdoctoral Research Associate

[REDACTED]