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Hello, I am writing to express my concern, horror and outrage that the A303 scheme proposed by National Highways is still considered viable by them, and that it hasn't been rejected as a matter of course. Please demonstrate some concern for a historic site, and of the future of our biosphere.

I note that National Highways has not made any changes to the scheme, apparently ignoring or simply viewing as irrelevant the World Heritage Committee's decision that if it goes ahead, our nation's greatest World Heritage Site Stonehenge would be put in danger, and its UNESCO status put into jeopardy.

And they have made no acknowledgment of the Secretary of State's finding that the effect on the proposed western cutting area would be significantly adverse.

National Highways has failed to fully assess alternative routes for the A303 that would be less damaging to Stonehenge, despite the likelihood that a southern route would be cheaper, or that a longer tunnel would be less damaging.

Neither have they looked into alternatives to building a [REDACTED] new road in the first place. And they haven't updated the scheme construction costs; post Brexit, the pandemic lockdown, and the ongoing war in Ukraine, materials and labour costs have risen massively, hence the scheme costs will have increased significantly.

And despite the UK recently hosting COP22, there has been no updating of the carbon assessment and costs of the scheme.

As mentioned, since the examination closed, the UK put significant time and effort into hosting COP22, and worldwide concern for the climate emergency and species extinction emergency. There has been a worldwide Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report which cries out for urgent action to reduce emissions; the Stonehenge scheme proposed by National Highways would increase them, that is an acknowledged fact.

And the government's Environment Act 2021 is supposed to put the environment and the horrific collapse in populations of our native species and biodiversity front and centre of everything; this scheme makes an absolute nonsense of that, why even bother wasting public money drafting and passing such legislation if the government won't even pay lip service to it?

In the light of the above, I believe there are compelling grounds for a re-examination by an independent panel prior to the Secretary of State redetermining an application for a Development Consent Order for the scheme; please can this be done?

Thank you.

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