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A303 Stonehenge

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I wrote extensively against the original plan by National Highways to build a road and tunnel across Stonehenge World Heritage Site and this plan was quashed in the High Court. I see no viable change in the revised plan.

No account taken of the Secretary of State's damning comments regarding the scheme's 'significantly adverse' impact.

No change in consideration of the 2021 WHC decision to consider placing the site on their 'At Danger' list should the scheme be approved.

No full assessment of alternative less damaging options

No updated scheme construction costs

No updated carbon assessment costs

No acknowledgement of the recent 4 IPCC reports on climate change

No acknowledgement of current world events, fuels supplies/costs and the likely reduction in road usage.

The conclusion has to be:

Irreparable damage to the landscape and its prehistoric archaeology, and UNESCO re-designating the site's World Heritage status.

Inevitable huge overspends resulting from a weak economic assessment.

Road widening that only shifts traffic jams a few miles down the road.

Contradiction of all climate change philosophy and the Governments imminent response to the need for rapid reductions in ${\rm CO_2}$ emissions. The Stonehenge scheme is one of the worst offenders in this regard and would add nearly 2.5 million tonnes of emissions in its building and operation.

For these reasons and more, please abandon this hugely expensive scheme, protect the Nation's most iconic World Heritage, and pursue low carbon alternatives instead.

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