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I have failed to locate/identify anything in the Statement of Matters and ensuing publications to show that the Applicant has attempted to address the issues raised by the High Court's order to quash the Secretary of State's decision to agree the proposals for the construction of a dual carriageway on the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down.

I note that there is nothing substantive that addresses the areas identified as requiring a comprehensive response namely: Alternatives, Policy, Carbon and Environmental Information. The core of the matter is the building of a new road through the World Heritage site. It is time to lay this whole proposal to rest.

The UK is faced with the unedifying prospect, if the proposal goes ahead, of promoting car and other motorised vehicle use and road expansion, thus actively flouting the outcomes of COP26, hosted in the UK. Today, as reported by the BBC, scientists have issued another warning that if we don't act immediately then the fight against the worst impacts of climate change will be lost. I have failed to reconcile the proposed building of a dual carriageway on the A303 and the associated works and running of any road, with reducing the production of carbon.

There is no acknowledgement of the financial implications of the scheme.

UNESCO has made it clear that any implementation would endanger the World Heritage status of Stonehenge. This application must be withdrawn for the benefit of all future generations and to safeguard the UK's reputation as a responsible guardian of an internationally acclaimed component of the cultures of the world.

Nowhere have I found any substantive evidence that the applicant acknowledges, let along addresses any of the problems. No attempt has been made to find alternative solutions to the destruction of the World Heritage Site. Many alternatives have already been put forward in the original consultations for alternative means to address the traffic and links to the south-west.

I wish to request a re-examination, by an independent panel, of the Development Consent Order, before the Secretary of State makes a final decision.

Finally, I wish to restate my original objections to the application.

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