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A303 Stonehenge

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Dear Sirs

I write as someone who first visited Stonehenge almost 60 years ago, has regularly and frequently visited it since, and has watched with dismay the various ham-fisted approaches to the site in that period.

I would therefore like to comment on the advisability of reviewing the currently proposed scheme being put forward by National Highways BEFORE any reconsideration of the proposals is begun by the Secretary of State.

My reasons for this are as follows - the dual carriageway currently being proposed by National Highways would require extremely deep cuttings to be gouged out of an internationally acclaimed Archaeological site which is also an integral part of a recognised World Heritage Site, thereby not only causing the permanent loss of vital historical evidence unique to this area, but also threatening the status of the World Heritage Site.

Furthermore since the decision against this scheme, National Highways - which is promoting it - has neither properly assessed any possible alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site , such as a southern bypass route, which would be cheaper, even if there might be some problems associated with it, or a longer tunnel which would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site nor explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site such as using measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West by alternative routes.

It has also not updated the scheme construction costs nor updated the carbon assessment and costs.

For all these reasons I believe the entire scheme should be subject to a re-evaluation of the Development Consent Order before any further decisions are taken and any more public monies are wasted.

I sincerely hope the above matters will be taken into account in making decisions for this unique and vitally important heritage site.

Yours

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