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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Objection to redetermination of A303 Stonehenge
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Dear Sir / Madam

I wish to register my OBJECTION to the redetermination of the A303 Stonehenge DCO application. I believe the DCO application should be withdrawn, or there should be a re-examination of the current DCO application by a new independent Examining Authority, before the Secretary of State redetermines the old DCO application for the very same road scheme.

There are compelling grounds for a re-examination (not a redetermination) as there have been significant changes since the scheme was first examined, and the economic case for the scheme has almost certainly become even more marginal than it already was. We should not be building more roads, let alone building them within World Heritage Sites, when we need to do all we can to rapidly REDUCE carbon emissions, not increase them.

In particular, National Highways has not:

- * made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account;
- * acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";
- * fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, while a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site;
- * explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site – e.g. a package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West;
- * updated the scheme construction costs; nor
- * updated the carbon assessment and costs.
- * updated the Benefit-Cost ration (BCR).

Other changes since the Examination closed:

- * concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would; and
- * the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

Please either withdraw the DCO application, or make a new DCO application that can be re-examined by another independent Examining Authority.

Yours,

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