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I am responding to the request for comments on the National Highways recent submission on this scheme. It is particularly disappointing that they haven't moved forward on the vexed issue of the "significantly adverse" implications in the western cutting.

I want the scheme to go ahead as it stands and I am happy with National Highways' justifications for it except that they don't address the real risk of losing the World Heritage status because the tunnels don't extend over the full width of the site.

However to extend the tunnel to the eastern WHS boundary would require a huge deep excavation several metres into the water table, straddling or adjacent to the Countess roundabout. As a retired civil engineer with significant experience in tunnelling and deep excavations I believe this would be an exercise totally out of proportion to the advantages.

In contrast the proposed tunnel approach at the western end, which is within the (seemingly arbitrary) WHS boundary, is reliably estimated, to contain in the order of a quarter of a million prehistoric artefacts in the plough soil. An extensive survey of these remains would provide an invaluable insight into the history of that age. The current proposals for that survey are woefully inadequate.

To construct the much needed A303 improvements and, in the process, lose such valuable archaeological information for ever would be unforgivable. A re-examination of the Development Consent Order is required and a solution must be found that satisfies all interested parties.

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