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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: A303 Stonehenge scheme reapplication: Please re-examine the Development Consent Order
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm responding to the National Highways plans for widening the A303 next to Stonehenge. **I'm very concerned that the National Highways has not done the following:**

- 1) Made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account.
- 2) Acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) Updated the scheme construction costs.
- 6) Updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Other changes since the Examination closed:

Since the Examination closed, some other important priorities have changed:

- 1) These changes have not taken into account the very urgent concerns for climate change that have increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions. Any new Stonehenge road scheme would increase road use and carbon emissions.
- 2) The Environment Act 2021 set new ambitions around nature recovery and these have not been included in the original examination.

Please re-examine the Development Consent Order. In my opinion the omission on current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and new information since the Examination closed in October 2019 are compelling grounds for a re-examination by an independent panel BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.

Thank you very much for taking my views into account.

Yours faithfully,

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