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Dear Sir/Madam

In response to your request to comment on the A3030 Scheme, must I first respond by saying I find it incredulous that you are requesting further commentary on this matter simply because the scheme is being reconsidered. My original comments remain relevant from the previous application as your stance on the scheme appears to be exactly the same, i.e., the desecration of a World Heritage Site and the lack of vision for a cleaner, more effective alternative.

However, my responses are below:

Despite the suggestion of alleviating impact on the local road infrastructure, I strongly believe it will exacerbate the current issues parishes, villages and hamlets face, by pushing more vehicles through those areas in times it is required to close tunnel lanes or the tunnel is closed because of accidents or other emergencies. I live in one of the local parishes and see first-hand the impact the current rerouting has on our B roads and the degradation of the road surfaces when there is a singular accident on a local A road.

I dread to think what the impact will be like when the tunnel (or sections of it) will be closed for repairs, emergencies or breakdowns. Again, I have experience of this from living in London and seeing the negative impact the Dartford Tunnel has on the road infrastructure when issues like this arise. That's not even taking into consideration the (6+?) years of construction it will take to build the tunnel. Where will all the traffic relocate to during that time? And how much of our countryside and B roads will be destroyed/blighted due to increased traffic volume before we even see the tunnel opened? This isn't just about Stonehenge, this is about the entire World Heritage Site, the surrounding towns and Salisbury city.

I also believe that there are far more viable and cost-effective solutions that have already been proposed that would be less damaging, including; a southern bypass route (one of numerous suggested) and a longer tunnel that would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site. These alternatives have not been fully assessed, merely shunned or ignored without proper assessment and investigation.

I am also concerned that updated construction costs and updated carbon assessment and costs have not been taken into consideration and should be further analysed - we need to take urgent action to reduce emissions and financial burden on the country's debt, not increase them, as any new Stonehenge road scheme would. And what about the local water table? How can the impact of excessive, underground construction be accurately predicted?

The decision you make is simple; continue on this path of wanton destruction that will not only taint our countryside, heritage and road infrastructure, but also push this country's spending into unnecessary debt and years of overspend and delays (see H2) or, be the vision and inspiration this country needs and commit to the necessary alternatives that can change the way we approach the expansion of our transport network for years to come (and benefit the city of Salisbury and the South West connections). Let's leave a green and historic transport legacy for our children and the future of this earth, not burden them with

archaic, restrictive road projects that will, eventually, be unable to cope with traffic volume anyway.

You have the opportunity to innovate and lead, not pursue the well-trodden path of dated concepts and ill-informed budgeting. Future generations will judge you by the decisions you make.

In summary, 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.

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