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A303 Stonehenge
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A303 Stonehenge Scheme
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Sir/ Madam

I write to set out my comments to the scheme which is being redetermined.

I do not support the tunnel and ask for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order

- National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee into account;
- NH has acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area to be "significantly adverse";
- NH has not fully assessed alternative routes that are 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;
- NH has not explored alternatives to hard engineeringsolutions 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;
- NH has not updated the scheme construction costs; nor
- NH has not updated the carbon assessment and costs

Since the Examination was 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.

The Stonehenge site and environs need protecting at all costs and the tunnel will destroy it.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Raper