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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Re: Stonehenge planning application redetermination
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to ask for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order for the A303 Stonehenge planning application. My reasons are as follows:

The significance of the Stonehenge site as demonstrated by the World Heritage Committee decision in 2021 was not taken into account. Also the "significantly adverse" impact made by the proposed western cutting area was acknowledged by the Secretary of State. It is clear that any proposed alternative has not been fully explored - a southern by-pass would be cheaper and could certainly reduce impact on the site. There has been a failure to examine, to its fullest, the use of road traffic reduction measures, the reduction of road emissions and any improved access to the southwest.

Given the massive increase in world oil and fuel prices there will be a limit in motor vehicle and commercial road haulage transport use: any expected increase in traffic volume, therefore, will no longer occur to the extent once envisaged. Constructing this development will be expensive and without real benefit. The construction costs have failed to take into account the current and future costings. Neither has the carbon assessment costs been updated.

The environmental impact that has occurred since the examination process closed illustrates an even greater need to reduce emissions - as suggested by the latest intergovernmental panel on climate change report. Similarly, the nature recovery aims as set in the 2021 Environment Act should also be addressed.

Stonehenge is such an important social, historical, archaeological and environmental site that to impact its existence by allowing this application to go through would be wrong in any sense. I respectfully request that the Development Consent Order be re-examined.

Yours sincerely,

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