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Dear planning inspectorate,

I am most concerned that the current Stonehenge tunnel scheme may be given permission. It would do irreparable damage to the area, changing its appearance radically; it will cost an enormous amount of money (it SURELY cannot have a good Benefit Cost Ratio), and it is inconceivable that it will do no environmental damage. As I understand it, National Highways have yet to submit their final environmental report, so there seems every reason to think that there WILL be excessive damage, and so the whole scheme should be scrapped. It is extremely concerning that if this plan goes ahead, this unique World Heritage Site would be classed as 'at risk' by UNESCO. What a terrible label to be put on the country with some of the most important historical sites in the world.

The other 'road alternatives' seem to have been rejected fairly summarily, without too much investigation. But even more important is that alternatives which seek to enact minor road improvements, and also make a big effort to REDUCE, rather than redirect traffic, do not appear to have not been considered at all. Increased promotion of the rail network for passengers and freight could drastically reduce congestion on the road; and if the government is to take notice of the increasingly-dire warnings about climate change from eminent scientists, this reduction is imperative for the whole country, indeed the world, not just the south of England. Even on the basis of existing government policies (which are likely to be strengthened soon), this road scheme does not make sense; the government is committed to reducing carbon emissions substantially, and encouraging 'modal shift' to sustainable forms of 'active travel'. This does NOT include the majority of road transport. If this scheme were enacted, there would be little chance of ever restoring the area to its present state. It needs to be scrapped, and alternatives looked at very seriously.

Stonehenge is much too precious to risk affecting in this way.

Yours sincerely,

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