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Subject: Re: The A303 Stonehenge road widening scheme
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I write to request a re-examination of the Development Consent Order concerning the A303 Stonehenge road widening scheme. I have some expertise in the field of archaeology having gained my MSc in Palaeolithic Archaeology and Palaeoanthropology from the Institute of Archaeology, University College, London in 2011. In my judgement, 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 scheme.

The National Highways has failed to do the following:

- make any amendments to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee [Decision](#) into account;
- acknowledge that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";
- give due consideration to alternative routes which 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;
- examine 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;
- update the scheme construction costs; nor
- update the carbon assessment and costs.
- **Ancillary concerns include the following**
- the proposal would be in conflict with findings of the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and would ignore the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would;
- the proposal should be rejected on the grounds that it is not consistent with the Environment Act 2021 which has set new ambitions around nature recovery.

Current academic concern around these proposals has prompted me to make this submission and I urge you to reject them.

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