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**Subject:** Comments on proposed Stonehenge road scheme

**Date:** 04 April 2022 11:17:48

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to register my profound objection to the proposed Stonehenge road tunnel scheme.

National Highways' Scheme is wholly inadequate for a project of such huge significance. Stonehenge is probably the most vital part of the ancient legacy of this country and any development scheme that could affect it should be of the highest standard, with all the possible impacts meticulously studied. The current proposals are slapdash to put it politely.

Nothing has been done to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account or to acknowledge that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".

National Highways have failed to fully assess alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route or a longer tunnel. Nor have they explored 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.

I would request a comprehensive re-examination of the Development Consent Order before the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.

Yours sincerely Edward Watts

