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The road scheme previously proposed threatened Stonehenge's status as a world heritage site. It would appear that the new proposals are little different and do not resolve the environmental and historical issues.

A radical re-think is needed that would safeguard the archaeology above and below ground of the whole area. Additionally in relation to climate change, toxic emissions and noise, action has to be taken.

To this end, traffic needs to be reduced and alternative means of transport and alternative routes are needed. A southern bypass is one proposal. This would not need to be of high specification if the existing road is maintained as an access route with restricted weight and for low emission vehicles only. To reduce road usage it would be necessary for investment in rail to cut road freight and to improve public transport (by both rail and bus) to give better access to the region as a whole.

There are issues of land use regarding farming and rewilding that should also be considered in relation to tourism, archaeology, transport, business and the needs of the local community. National Highways (and by implication, Government) appears to take a very narrow approach to the problem and fails to take such a holistic view.

I would expect that you would be taking all these factors into account in making your decision.

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