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RE: Redetermination of the A303 Stonehenge Road Scheme

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you as an interested party in the A303 Stonehenge road widening scheme (the Scheme) further to my previous responses and submissions. As an ordinary member of the public, I am unable to make an informed response to the highly technical issues documented and submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport by National Highways, however it would appear that multiple issues raised to date have not been answered and it is pro forma resubmission of the same content already lying before the current Secretary of State.

It appears that National Highways is depending on a technicality to win the day, but the Scheme is fundamentally outdated and outmoded. I therefore wish to raise the following objections and points in addition to those previously stated elsewhere:

National Highways has not taken the 2021 World Heritage Committee findings and decision into account. Furthermore, it has not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse"; nor fully assessed less damaging alternative routes (such as a southern bypass) to the World Heritage Site.

Furthermore, National Highways has not 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. It has not updated construction costs nor updated the carbon assessment and associated costs. The National Highways submission is therefore deeply flawed, in that it does not answer any of the five matters the Secretary of State wishes to consider before making a new decision: Alternatives, Policy, Carbon Emissions, Environmental Information, and Any other matters.

National Highways has failed to include any response to changes since the Examination closed. This includes increasing concern for climate change as seen from the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, whereby urgent action is needed to reduce emissions, not increase emissions as any new Stonehenge road scheme would. The Environment Act 2021 which sets new ambitions around nature recovery has also not been addressed. 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 Development Consent Order (DCO) for the exact same road scheme previously submitted.

There should be a full and expert re-examination of the DCO and fundamental change of perspective and policy if the UK is to preserve this unique and world famous UNESCO site. "Cost" is relative and would appear not to be a problem in other areas. The Government and National Highways can and must do better!

Yours truly,



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