From:
To:
Subject:
Stonehenge Road Scheme
Date:
03 April 2022 23:48:38

Good Evening

I would like to submit the below for the Stonehenge Road Scheme consultation ending 4 April:

Following the Climate Emergency, Pandemic, Cost of Living Crisis and Brexit, please can we have a re-examination of the Development Consent Order?

Alternatives - investment needs to be in public transport not new roads. Car ownership is down, house building has been excessive leading to a glut of hundreds of thousands of empty homes, brexit, cost of living crisis and the climate emergency mean we are concentrating on circular economies, reducing what we buy and not importing and exporting, leading to less traffic on the roads in future. We do not need more roads, just better public transport, efficient and affordable. £37bn new road fund reinvested in public transport would be a step in the right direction.

Policy, Carbon, Environmental and other matters - following the IPCC reports and the extreme weathers we are experiencing the climate emergency can no longer be ignored. The area is currently a carbon storage area, protecting archeology and a habitat for wildlife and biodiversity. To destroy this does not make any sense. We see temperatures rising and full carbon accounting needs to be considered, heavy machinery, releasing carbon from storage, building materials, transport of goods and labour etc.

Value for tax payers money - there is no value when all you are doing is moving the traffic problem a few miles down the road

Viability - with rising material and labour costs this is not the time to be taking on unnecessary projects of this size.

Future Business gains - even Chippenham in Wiltshire has a circular economy in it's neighbourhood plan. This is the way forward, we don't want excessive packaging from imports leading to additional incinerators and lower air quality and increased pollution. Small local businesses, farms selling milk direct to customers in their own packaging is how we address the climate emergency, not importing milk from abroad in packaging. The people are well ahead of the Government and small businesses are thriving.

To have this brought back so quickly when the case was won last year is disappointing. Please listen to the people, we are wasting so much money in legal wrangles, judicial reviews are becoming common place. People are joining together from the Stonehenge Alliance, Transport Action Groups, Community Planning Alliance, CPRE etc to stand up for our country and stop the destruction.

Thank you

Kind regards

Melanie Boyle

