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Stonehenge and the area surrounding it could hardly be more important as a site. It is absolutely vital that decisions about any road changes are made with that importance in mind. Successive generations would never forgive careless and short-sighted decisions made now, by the generation (and the government) currently responsible.

The proposed dual carriageway is widely considered, particularly by many who are among those most qualified to judge, totally unsuitable - an irresponsible and shortsighted solution to what is now seen as a problem.

I'd like to point out that, in their resubmission, National Highways has not:

- made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account
- acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be 'significantly adverse'
- fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site
- explored alternatives to hard-engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site – for example a stack of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West
- updated the scheme construction costs
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Other things now essential to take into account include

- concern for climate change, which has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would
- the Environment Act 2021, which sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

For all the above reasons and others not here mentioned, it is vital that the Development Consent Order should be re-examined by an independent panel before the Secretary of State re-determines an application for a Development Consent Order for the road scheme.

Stonehenge belongs to the whole country and to the whole world; to our generation and to future generations stretching to infinity. I am among so many

who are imploring you to treat it with the respect it deserves and the respect our generations, as its temporary custodians, deserves.

Thank you,

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