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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see my comments regarding the proposed road scheme around Stonehenge.

Firstly, I am seeking a **re-examination of Development Consent Order. In the view of many experts**, 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 DCO for the very same road scheme.

I am concerned that 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** e.g., a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, while a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site;
- **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;
- updated the scheme construction costs; nor
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

In addition, there are other changes I feel consideration must be given to the following since the Examination closed:

- concern for climate change 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; and
- the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

Thank you for considering these points; I hope that good sense and a love of our unique heritage and history will prevail over cheap, fast politics and an approach that future generations will only label as reminiscent of the Philistines.

Yours faithfully,

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