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Dear Grant Shapps,

I am very concerned about the continued plans to build a dual carriageway at Stonehenge.

Firstly, we all know that Stonehenge is internationally recognised as a World Heritage site and a dual carriageway would be significantly adverse. I think it is troubling that National Highways seems to have completely ignored the concerns of the World Heritage Committee - and is putting profit over culture.

It seems that National Highways has gone for what it thinks is the easiest option rather than genuinely considering viable alternatives, such as a Southern bypass route or a longer tunnel. It is these sort of short-sighted decisions that only cause problems in the future.

Another concern I have is that National Highways has not updated the construction costs for the scheme. It could easily become another HS2 with costs spiralling out of control, and huge opposition from the general public.

It was my understanding that the current government is seeking to reduce carbon emissions wherever possible as climate change is such a hot topic for us all. Once again, this is an area where National Highways has chosen to ignore its responsibility and has not updated the carbon emissions assessment.

It would seem ill-advised to let such a huge and destructive scheme to go ahead when so little has been done to consider the impact nor viable alternatives.

With all these factors in mind, I am requesting that you re-examine the Development Consent Order. Surely we owe it to ourselves to protect our heritage, to visitors to the UK who want to see this extraordinary place, to the environment and to future generations to consider this development fully before striding ahead in an ill-informed way and ruining our World Heritage Site and our landscape forever.

Yours sincerely,

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