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I am writing to express my concern about National Highways' proposals for this internationally acclaimed archaeological site.

National Highways has not made any changes to its Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee's decision into account. It has not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse". It has not fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage site, e.g. a southern bypass, which would also be cheaper. It has not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage site. It has not updated the Scheme construction costs; it has not updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Since the Examination closed, concern about climate change has increased and so has the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would. Also, the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

There should be a re-examination by an independent panel before the Secretary of State redetermines an application for this road scheme.

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