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Subject: A303 Stonehenge road widening scheme

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Dear Sir.

I am writing with grave concern about the A303 Stonehenge scheme reapplication.

I am particularly concerned that there have been no changes made to the scheme to take into account the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision, nor have they addressed the comment by the Secretary of State that the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".

There has not been any attempt to fully assess other routes which would be 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 or explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions: e.g. measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West.

There has not even been an update on the construction costs or on the carbon assessment, especially in the light of the IPCC report on the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them, and the 2021 Environment Act which sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

I feel that it is imperative that there is a re-examination of the Development Consent Order by an independent panel before the Secretary of State makes a decision on the application for the SAME road scheme!

Yours faithfully
Colin and Margaret Lovett