

From: [REDACTED]
To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Urgent request for Development Consent Order
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Good morning,

As a concerned Wiltshire resident, I am writing to please request that, as a matter of urgency, the re-examination of Development Consent Order is carried out for the Stonehenge road scheme.

The omission of current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and new information since the Examination closed on 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.

National Highways has not taken a number of critical points into account.

It is essential that the following measures are followed:

- make pertinent changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee [REDACTED] into account;
- acknowledge that the impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";
- fully assess 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;
- explore 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;
- update the scheme construction costs;
- update the carbon assessment and costs.

There have also been a number of other significant changes 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.

I urge you to please take into consideration all of the points made and ensure that positive action is taken before it is too late.

Surely you agree that we must do everything within our power to preserve and protect the area for all families and future generations, whilst safeguarding the natural environment.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Tomalin

