From:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: National Highways Stonehenge road widening scheme

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please reject the National Highways Stonehenge road widening scheme, which the Secretary of State found would have a 'significantly adverse impact'.

Stonehenge is a heritage site of huge historic, national and international importance and must be respected, given long-term priority over road schemes that could prove to be short-term, given the need to rethink transport in the face of the climate emergency.

We need to find urgent and significant ways to reduce reduce carbon emissions if we are to reach our 2050 target. This scheme would encourage more traffic and cause more emissions. We need, too, to preserve and restore natural biodiversity and have regard to the Environment Act, which sets new ambitions for nature recovery.

The National Highways scheme takes no account of the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision, has not explored measures to reduce road traffic and emissions, has not updated carbon assessment and costs nor construction costs, and has not fully explored alternative, less harmful routes.

In light of these failings, of the findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and of new information since 2019, I ask for a re-examination of the Development Order.

Yours faithfully, Elizabeth Wood (Mrs)