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**Dear Sir / Madam**

## **There must be No National Highways Consent Order for Stonehenge road widening.**

**In regards to this heritage damaging proposal, it has been noticed that the National Highways have not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account;**

**They additionally not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";**

**They have not fully assessed 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;

**They also have not explored 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;

- updated the scheme construction costs; nor
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report has emphasised 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.

**We need a re-examination of Development Consent Order and instead move for protection of our heritage Stonehenge site and not to ruin our ancient heritage by directing traffic close to it.**

Omission of current cost estimates for such changes, UNESCO's position and new information available since the Examination closed in October 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.

I ask therefore that you please do the right ethical action and protect our beloved national heritage for the long term by denying these destructive proposals can be made.

Yours sincerely

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