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I am writing to ask for the scheme to widen the road beside Stonehenge be re-examined by an independent panel before it goes back to the Secretary of State to decide on its reapplication. It is the same scheme so widely condemned last time it was considered. So many things have either changed or not been addressed since it was last looked at.

I think the most important consideration is that the monument is only part of an entire prehistoric landscape about which we are discovering new information all the time. No one knows what could be lost by this brutal redevelopment bulldozing away precious parts of this World Heritage site. The World Heritage Committee believes that if this scheme goes ahead the site should be placed on a list of World Heritage Sites in danger. We are only custodians of our heritage and future generations may look back with dismay on this destruction as we do on many decisions taken in the past in the name of progress. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Grant Shapps was remembered for having had the foresight to protect the nation's heritage, the environment and help reduce harmful emissions so contributing towards preventing climate change by declining this scheme. How often the public feel as though the things they value most are wantonly destroyed and their opinions ignored. A politician who actually listens and considers alternative solutions which find a result on which both sides could agree would be so refreshing.

It is not only historians who value Stonehenge but it also plays a part in Britain's spiritual past and present. Many people respond to the deep sense of reverence felt at the site, the mystery and awe of the place are still very apparent.

As previously stated the impact of the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse" and alternative routes are available which would prevent this. A southern bypass for example. It should not be forgotten that there could be major changes in road use in the future. New vehicles and public concern over climate change could well mean less traffic on our roads and then we would have caused this destruction needlessly. More immediately with rising inflation the money available to the government for road building will not now go as far and no doubt the cost of this scheme will continue to rise. How much better to spend what budget there is on projects which are not as contentious and bitterly opposed or to spend it wisely on a scheme which would not be so destructive. I do hope that these points will be considered and passed on to the Secretary of State.

Yours Sincerely,
Jayne Griffiths.

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