

From: [REDACTED]
To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Re. My comments of the proposed National Highways Stonehenge road widening scheme
Date: 03 April 2022 14:35:16

Good afternoon Planning Inspectorate,

My name is John Dallas and I am a Land Use Planner and Environmental Outdoor Education teacher and provider, with 33 years experience and service.

My concerns, which I think should be taken into account, cover a number of areas of the National Highways Stonehenge document submitted for approval by our Secretary of State for Transport.

They are:

1. that no changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee [Decision](#) into account, have been made
2. that it is acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse"
3. that assessed alternative routes are less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route that would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, while a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site
4. that 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
5. that updated scheme construction costs are provided
6. that there is an update to the carbon assessment and costs, and this is to be provided

There are some other changes, since the Examination closed, which I feel need to be taken into account and they are:

7. that the 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
8. that our Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.
9. that there is a need for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order and ask that you consider this in your decision making progress.

In my opinion the lack of information of current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and new information 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.

Thank you,

John Dallas

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