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To: A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Stonehenge Development Consent order

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For the attention of the A303 Stonehenge Case Team.

Dear Sir or Madam.

I write to comment on the renewed application to develop the A303 at Stonehenge.

I am much concerned to see that National Highways, the appellant, had failed in a variety of respects to review adequately its application following the quashing of the original Development Consent decision by the High Court.

It has not properly re-evaluated the carbon impact of the scheme, which with ever-increasing evidence of the pressing need to reduce carbon emissions in of great importance.

The secretary of State found that the development as originally envisaged would be "significantly adverse" to the World Heritage site over 4,000 years old. National Highways seems to have done little to avert this damage.

Several alternative solutions for the A303 have been put forward that would ameliorate the disruption to the World Heritage site, such as diverting the road to the south, or extending the length of the Tunnel. National Highways have not significantly weighed up these alternatives.

National Highways has not considered appropriately possible measures to reduce road traffic, or the impact of lesser traffic given the recent increase in fuel prices.

The appellant appears not to have reviewed construction costs, which will have increased significantly given recent events, nor have they re-evaluated carbon emission effects.

The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and new statutory requirements on nature recovery, have not been addressed. The huge importance of cutting climate changing gases emphasised in the latest IPPC report demand this reconsideration; we should not be encouraging further emissions by more road-building. Given these and other new information since 2019, and that there has been no significant revision of the scheme costs, I feel strongly that a comprehensive review of the Development Consent Order is imperative.

Yours sincerely,

