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Dear Secretary of State

National Highways Stonehenge Road Scheme

I urge you not to redetermine the current application by National Highways England for their road scheme across Stonehenge, on the basis that NHE has not:

- made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision into account;
- acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";
- 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;
- 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;
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Since the Examination closed in October 2019, concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report; there is an urgent need to take 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.

Please convene an independent panel to re-examine the Development Consent Order for this Scheme, for the omission on current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and new information since the Examination closed in October 2019 are compelling grounds for a re-examination BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme.

Yours faithfully

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