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A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Re-examination of Development Consent order

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I am writing as a concerned member of the public about the serious negative impact on Stonehenge of the road widening proposals and the lack of consideration for the urgent need to reduce emissions as part of the response to the Climate Crisis.

In its response to the Secretary of State, National Highways has not taken account of threat to the status Stonehenge signalled by the World Heritage Committee nor to the Secretary of State's judgement of the significantly adverse impact on the proposed western cutting area. The assessment of less damaging alternative routes is inadequate. A southern bypass route would be cheaper. A longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site. A package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West could be more effective in safeguarding and enhancing the site.

The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report has reaffirmed the need for urgent action to reduce emissions. The original carbon assessment and costs have not been updated.

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