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It has come to my concern that there is inadequate consideration of the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge when planning the A303 alterations. When a site is desecrated then it is on the path of being lost. What is gone is gone forever.

It would appear that the National Highways response to the Secretary of State for Transport:

1. Did not take account of the 2021 World Heritage decisions.
2. Did not even acknowledge the significant adverse impacts of the western cut.
3. Did not duly consider all the aspects of alternative routes, such as a longer tunnel
4. Did not investigate other ways of dealing with the problem of too much traffic on the road such as looking at ways of reducing traffic overall.
5. Did not update construction costs, which are bound to have increased by now
6. Did not update carbon assessment aspects
7. Appeared to have little concern for climate change aspects overall. More roads mean more traffic with more emissions. NB electric cars still cause plenty of emissions by being manufactured.

Overall any large construction such as this is an investment for the future rather than just a way of dealing with a current problem. An investment done on the cheap will end up being far more expensive, due to alterations and repairs, than a well thought out investment with the future as a major point.

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