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I am writing to register my concern that National Highways is lobbying the Secretary of State for Transport for approval of its A303 road scheme at Stonehenge. The road widening scheme has been comprehensively discredited and is a completely unacceptable danger to the sensitive archeology at a World Heritage site.

In particular I note:

National Highways has not made any changes to its scheme, despite the 2021;

With no changes National Highways is lobbying the Secretary of State, in spite of the fact that it's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";

Of equal concern, since the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision, National Highways has not updated the scheme construction costs, which had already spiralled since the scheme was first announced;

And nor has National Highways updated the carbon assessment and costs.

No full assessment of alternative routes, that would be less damaging to the World Heritage Site have been carried out. A southern bypass route would actually be cheaper, although it has to be acknowledged there are some problems with it, while a longer tunnel, although more expensive, would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site;

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 by an independent panel before the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a Development Consent Order for the very same road scheme.

Yours sincerely
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