From:
To:
A303 Stonehenge

Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am writing regarding the Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme.

I believe that The National Highways have 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; nor
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Other changes since the Examination closed:

- concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent 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.

I wish to ask for a re-examination of Development Consent Order

I am of the opinion 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 DCO for the very same road scheme.

I fully support the work of The Stonehenge Alliance and am therefore sending my comment for your review based on their findings.

This is sacrilege, Stonehenge is a world heritage site and this proposed A-road, a new dual carriageway would gouge deep cuttings into an internationally acclaimed archaeological landscape, threatening the very status of the World Heritage Site.

Regards,

Nancy Tilbury