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Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme

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As a local resident of the area, I would like to ask for a re-examination of Development Consent Order. I believe that the omission on current cost estimates, UNESCO's position and the 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.

National Highways have not yet, made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account;

They have not yet acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse" or fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a southern bypass route that would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, whilst a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site.

They have not explored alternatives to hard engineering solutions in the context of safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site – i.e. 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.

Also since the Examination closed, the 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 also believe that the scheme will have a detrimental effect on the economy of our local area!

We need to attract visitors not whisk them past on a new road!

Peter Matthews