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The most important and disastrous thing here is in the idea of keeping of the line of the A303 instead of properly assessing alternative routes that are less damaging to this World Heritage Site ; a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, or a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the area.

I am sure you will be aware that National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision into account, something that should be taken into account and not just dismissed.

I recall that the Secretary of State found the current Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse" but there are no changes to the proposal.

It is important to remember that the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery, that would not be assisted by the proposal.

Surely 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 prior to the Secretary of State determining this road scheme's Development Consent Order.