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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to ask you, as a matter of the utmost urgency, for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order applying to the above scheme.

In my opinion National Highways have failed to take into account the following points:

On 22 July 2021 the UNESCO World Heritage Committee decided that if the scheme proceeded without being modified, the site would be placed on the World Heritage in Danger list.

You have been quoted as saying that the effect on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse".

Alternatives, such as a southern bypass or a longer tunnel, have not been explored.

Neither have alternatives to hard engineering solutions, such as measures to reduce road traffic and emissions, and access to the South West.

The estimated cost of construction and the carbon assessment and costs have not been updated.

In addition, since the Examination closed in 2019, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report has emphasised the urgency of combatting climate change by reducing emissions, which a new road would inevitably increase, and the Environment Act 2021 has set out new goals for nature recovery.

For all these reasons, may I ask that you commission a re-examination by an independent panel before redetermining a DCO for this scheme ?

Yours faithfully,

C. S. Beckingham

Since the examination closed in 2019,