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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Redetermination of Stonehenge Road Scheme DCO
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I was quite shocked to read that the Secretary of State for Transport is pushing ahead with the Stonehenge scheme without having addressed some significant fundamental reasons which led to the rejection of the original scheme was originally rejected.

Specifically:

National Highways has not:

- made **any** changes to the Scheme that actually take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account;
- acknowledged even that the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse," according to the Secretary of State.
- properly assessed alternative routes that would be less damaging to the World Heritage Site (a longer tunnel, for example, would greatly reduce impact on the World Heritage Site; a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there may be some problems still to resolve around this)
- 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;

Neither has National Highways even updated the scheme construction costs or the carbon assessment and costs.

Since the original examination has closed concern around other factors that would be of relevance to the scheme:

Concern generally around climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report recognising the urgent need to take action to reduce emissions..... not **increase** them as any new Stonehenge Road scheme would

- the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery

I hope the Secretary of State does not believe paying lip service to the serious concerns through a series of changes that do not properly address them will not be seen through by the British Public.

Please reconsider this scheme in the light of the real, serious and fundamental flaws that have been flagged up many times.

I am therefore requesting a re-examination of the Development Consent Order.

In my 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.

Yours Sincerely,

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