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Submission

Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge Road Scheme

Dear Mr Shapps,

I hereby lodge my submission with my comments on the redetermination of the A303 Stonehenge Road Scheme.

Firstly, I would like to state that I strongly **OBJECT** to a new dual carriageway being constructed in the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. I also object to National Highways' intention to gouge deep cuttings into an international acclaimed archaeological landscape which could threaten the very status of this World Heritage Site.

The submissions by the National Highways have failed to include the following points:

*In the context of safeguarding and enhancing this World Heritage Site National Highways has failed to explore alternatives to hard engineering solutions. A package of measures to reduce road traffic and road emissions, improving access to the South West plus introducing and upgrading the public transport system in the region are alternatives that have not been investigated.

*National Highways has failed to fully assess alternative routes which would be less damaging to the World Heritage Site. The southern bypass route would be less costly. Problems with it's establishment would need further assessment to be resolved. A longer tunnel under the site would reduce the impact on the World Heritage Site but ultimately the area must remain free of any road building to preserve the integrity of this archaeological site.

*The Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be '*significantly adverse*'. National Highways has failed to acknowledge this statement.

*In 2021 the World Heritage Committee handed down a decision on the Stonehenge World Heritage Site. National Highways has failed to take into account or make any changes to the Scheme resulting from this decision.

*National Highways has failed to update the scheme's construction costs in their submissions.

*The carbon assessment and costs were also not updated by National Highways in their submissions.

Further developments have occurred since the Examination closed and need to be included in this redetermination:

1. The Environment Act 2021 has set new ambitions around nature recovery. The Scheme must be reassessed in the light of this new legislation.

2. The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report has further increased concerns about climate change. There is an urgent need for action to reduce emissions as quickly as possible. Any new Stonehenge road scheme will increase emissions and is therefore incompatible with the need to ensure the future of the planet.

Mr Secretary, I ask for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order.

In my opinion the above points including 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 Development Consent Order for the very same road scheme.

Sincerely,

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