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Dear Sir

I am amazed that anyone civilised would ever think of driving a new road through such an important world heritage site as Stonehenge. This would create damage that could never be reversed.

It seems to me that there is still a mass of archeological information to be obtained from the site. There is an obvious risk that gouging a massive tunnel/ new road through the site would destroy this information for ever. It appears that such a destructive act would also be likely to result in lost World Heritage status too.

I was depressed to find out that the latest scheme does not involve any changes to the original widely criticised scheme and does not respond to overt criticisms from the World Heritage Committee.

Please explain why - in view of the obvious damage to such a precious site - there has been no requirement to fully assess alternative routes. [For example a southern bypass.]

It seems to me that the latest 'scheme' is merely a resubmission of the old one - and that there has been no attempt to update it. For example, construction costs have not been updated and nor has the carbon impact assessment of the scheme.

There are further new developments that have happened since the original scheme was submitted - in particular the Environment Act 2021 with its requirements about provisions for nature recovery. Surely any major scheme should take this legislation into account. Finally, the public and government attitude to climate change has realised the urgent need to reduce carbon emissions etc and not to encourage their increase. It seems to me that this scheme falls on this requirement as it does on so many others.

Please think very carefully about this proposal. Any damage to this site would be irreparable. The country would look stupid if we ruined such an important site.

Good wishes

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