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Subject: Stonehenge Scheme Reapplication and Redetermination

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am concerned to see that the Stonehenge World Heritage site is still under threat from the National Highways road widening scheme. Looking at the response by National Highways to the Secretary of State for Transport, Grant Shapps, it is clear that National Highways have no real intention to consider alternative schemes which would be less threatening to this invaluable site.

National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account and they have not acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse". Neither have they fully assessed alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g. a southern bypass route would be cheaper even if there might be some problems with it, while a longer tunnel would reduce impact on the World Heritage Site. National Highways have not updated the scheme construction costs nor the carbon assessment and costs and they do not appear to have considered safeguarding the World Heritage Site by adopting measures to reduce road traffic and emissions.

Please re-examine the Development Consent Order - Stonehenge is of world importance, and should not be threatened by short-sighted decisions by National Highways.

Yours faithfully,

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