

From: [REDACTED]
To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Dear Sirs,

I write about the proposals for the A303 road in the area of Stonehenge.

I cannot imagine any situation where changes in the layout of the existing roads in the area of this ancient monument would be acceptable. The days are long gone where a 'new' road could be justified by counting cars and lorries. This area is simply too valuable and important to take any decisions which impact on it in any way at all.

The way this application for A303 'improvements' has been presented and handled is way out of step with how we must preserve our heritage and move forward. Building roads and tunnels, and cutting into the ground is always destructive. In this instance it is vandalism. Any scheme intended to improve the road network must be routed far away from Stonehenge. An alternative must be found.

Ultimately our society is going to have to reduce its demands for road travel. Rail travel should be prioritised; it is far more efficient and dramatically less environmentally destructive. The west country deserves better rail links.

As our society is forced to adopt less destructive ways of living, to propose this sort of environmental and historic vandalism is simply unacceptable. The Development Consent Order must be re-examined, and preferably withdrawn altogether.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Edmondson



National Highways has not:

- **made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee [Decision](#) into account;**
- acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "**significantly adverse**";
- **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;

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;

- updated the scheme construction costs; nor
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.