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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: A303 Stonehenge road widening scheme
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Please could I register the following concerns regarding this scheme?

I do not believe that National Highways has:

- Made any changes to the scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account
- Acknowledged that the Secretary of State found that 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; eg, 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, eg a package of measures to reduce road traffic and road emissions and improve access to the South West
- Updated the scheme construction costs
- Updated the carbon assessment and costs

Furthermore, concern for climate change has increased with the latest IPCC report, with a need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not to increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would. In addition, the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

I urge you to ask for a re-examination of the Development Consent Order.

I believe 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 an application for a DCO for the very same road scheme is redetermined.

Many thanks,
Sarah Francis,

