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to whom it may concern

As you may know, the Transport Secretary's decision to build a road and tunnel across Stonehenge World Heritage Site has been quashed in the High Court. As a result, the project has been delayed and Grant Shapps is in the process of redetermining the scheme.

Not only would this road scheme irreparably damage the landscape and its prehistoric archaeology, but UNESCO could reconsider the site's World Heritage status if it goes ahead.

The case for the scheme rests on the shakiest of economic foundations. There is no realistic prospect of end-to-end dualling of the A303 in the foreseeable future, so all it would achieve would be to shift traffic jams a few miles down the road.

As host to world leaders in addressing the climate crisis at COP26 we expect to see all government decisions contributing to rapid reductions in CO_2 emissions. But the Stonehenge scheme is one of the worst offenders in this regard and would add nearly 2.5 million tonnes of emissions in its building and operation.

Surely this is the time to abandon this hugely expensive scheme, protect our most iconic World Heritage, and pursue low carbon alternatives instead?

Please ask the Transport Secretary to ditch this scheme.

Yours

