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To the Right Honorable Grant Schnapps,

I am writing as a concerned voter and citizen regarding National Highways' response to the five areas you requested concerning the widening of the road on the world heritage site of Stonehenge.

Thank you for requesting these and holding them to account. As part of the public's response to their plans, I have the following to add and very much hope will be taken into consideration for future action:

Having read the complicated and lengthy response, it is clear that National Highways has not made any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account;

Neither have they acknowledged that the Secretary of State found the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse";

Furthermore, no 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, have been offered for consideration;

In addition, no alternatives have been explored 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;

Scheme construction costs have not been updated or factored in ; nor has the carbon assessment and costs.

There are other, important changes to be considered since the Examination closed: concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would; and the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery. In light of these and the points drawn from National Highways' response above, I would urge a re-examination of the Development Consent Order.

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.

In the interests of the environment and in preserving our national monuments for posterity and future generations, I urge you to consider a thorough re-examination and question National Highways closely on the points that they have failed to make in response to your concerns so that we as a nation can be seen as a world leader in this globally significant duty to protect the past and the land it was built upon, and give this country's heritage the just treatment we owe it as custodians of its enormous wealth.

I thank you for all the good and important work you have done in this case and that you continue to do for this country in these challenging times,

Yours sincerely,

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