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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Request for a re-examination of Development Consent Order
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Sir/Madam,

I request that the Development Consent Order for this proposed scheme be re-assessed, on the grounds that National Highways has not:

- made any changes to the scheme to take the World Heritage Committee's 2021 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. Thus, a southern bypass route would be cheaper, and a longer tunnel would reduce the impact on the World Heritage Site;
- explored alternatives to hard engineering proposals for safeguarding and enhancing the World Heritage Site – e.g. a package of measures to reduce road traffic and road emissions, and improve access to the South West;
- updated the scheme's construction costs
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Other changes 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 will
- the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions on nature recovery, which must be taken into account.

The omission of 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 the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for this road scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Cassels.

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