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I am most concerned that National Highways is still lobbying hard for its discredited Stonehenge road widening scheme to be approved by the Secretary of State for Transport
Following are my comments on their inadequate submission.

The National Highways submission 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
- updated the carbon assessment and costs

The submission has also failed to take into consideration:

- the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would, (concern for climate change has increased with the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report)
- nature recovery (the Environment Act 2021 has set new ambitions for this)

A re-examination of the Development Consent Order by an independent panel is required due to:

- the omission on current cost estimates
- UNESCO's position
- new information since the Examination closed in October 2019

Regards,
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