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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
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Dear Secretary of State

I'm writing to you about the Stonehenge Road Scheme and would like to raise the following points:

As far as I'm aware **National Highways has not:**

- **made any changes to the Scheme** to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account;
- acknowledged that you have 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; nor
- updated the carbon assessment and costs.

Since the Examination closed there have been other changes:

- any new Stonehenge road scheme would conflict with increased concern for climate change - see the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report. This stresses the need to take urgent action to reduce emissions, not increase them as the road scheme would do ; and
- the Environment Act 2021 sets new ambitions around nature recovery.

I do hope you will consider these points in your decision-making.

Yours sincerely
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