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**Re: Highways: A303 Stonehenge**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find here my and obvious concerns regarding the latest response on the A303 Stonehenge scheme by National Highways:

- National Highways has failed to make any changes to the Scheme to take the 2021 World Heritage Committee Decision into account.
- The Secretary of State found that the Scheme's impact on the proposed western cutting area would be "significantly adverse" – there is no suggested solution to this.
- Alternative routes less damaging to the World Heritage Site e.g., a (cheaper) southern bypass route have not been fully assessed.
- A package of measures to reduce road traffic, road emissions and improve access to the South West would be more in keeping with the Government's promises on tackling the climate emergency (and particularly in light of the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report).
- National Highways has not updated the scheme construction costs; or the carbon assessment and costs.
- It is extremely concerning that this scheme endangers both our National Heritage and our environment, both of which need maximum protection for a huge variety of reasons, most importantly the addressing of the devastating effects of climate change and loss of biodiversity.

Lastly, though arguably most significantly, the legacy we leave for future generations must not be sacrificed in order for people to have slightly shorter journey times, when other solutions are possible.

Yours sincerely,  
John McCarthy