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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: Redetermination of A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Dear Sirs,

I write in response to the news that the Secretary of State for Transport wishes to make a new decision on the Stonehenge Road Scheme and that comments are accepted until 4 April.

I have objected before to the National Highways proposal and do so again because it fails to respect the integrity of the World Heritage site which as you will no doubt be aware encompasses far more heritage monuments than simply the stone circle. At a simple level, the proposed tunnel is 3km long while on the same axis the World Heritage site is almost twice as wide at 5.4km. The impact of this scheme on irreplaceable features in this ritual landscape will simply be senseless vandalism and it cannot be supported by anyone with a sense of national heritage.

I understand that Mr Shapps has asked National Highways to comment on several matters that he wants to take into account in making that decision.

Turning to the response by National Highways to the Minister's request, I have several further concerns:

They have failed to take into account the 2021 World Heritage Committee decision that this scheme would result in Stonehenge being added to the list of 'World Heritage Sites in Danger'.

They have failed to acknowledge that the Secretary of State found that their proposed western cutting would have a significantly adverse impact on that part of the World Heritage Site.

They have failed fully to assess fully alternative less damaging routes such as a southern bypass or a longer tunnel.

They have failed to evaluate alternatives to hard engineering solutions to protect the World Heritage Site such as measures to reduce road traffic and emissions in the site and improved alternative routes to the South-West.

Nor have they updated the construction costs for their scheme, the carbon assessment and costs therein.

These astonishing failings along with new information on climate change that has become available since the Investigation closed in October 2019 and new targets in the Environment Act 2021 are compelling grounds for re-examination of the Development Consent Order by an independent panel BEFORE the Secretary of State redetermines an application for a DCO for the identical destructive road scheme.

Yours faithfully

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