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Dear Transport Secretary,

I really must add my voice to those responding to National Highways (NH) comments following UNESCO's Advisory Mission's report and I trust that you will come to the only correct decision about one of our greatest national treasures, the Stonehenge complex.

I have read the Advisory Mission report and agree with its principal finding that the scheme proposed by NH would have an adverse impact on the OUV of the WHS and that a southern bypass should be further explored.

– The Mission admitted that at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary though this would not prevent damage to the relics on the route proposed.

– National Highways is not paying attention, it has simply reiterated many of the arguments it has raised previously to justify a scheme which is clearly unacceptable to:

- Government's independent specialist examiners,
- UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, and
- the former Transport Secretary himself who agreed with the examining panel that the scheme would be "significantly adverse" overall.
- all of us in the UK and elsewhere who treasure the Stonehenge site

– The High Court judgment quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives.

– National Highways' response fails to alleviate any of the above concerns.

– We continue to object to the NH proposals and hope that the damaging scheme will be abandoned.

– Should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with the scheme, we trust that it will be subject of another formal public Examination so that all of the new information submitted by National Highways and others since 2020 may be fully and openly discussed, and taken into account and advised upon by the Government's independent Planning Inspectorate.

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