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Subject: UNESCO's Advisory Mission Re:Stonehenge

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Dear the Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP

I have read the report of the Advisory Mission and agree with its principal finding, i.e. that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the outstanding universal value of the world heritage site 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 world heritage site boundary.

National Highways has simply reiterated many of the arguments it has raised previously to justify a scheme which is clearly unacceptable to, amongst others, 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.

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

I continue to object to the proposals and hope that the scheme will be abandoned before irreversible damage is caused to a site of irreplaceable historic and cultural value.

Should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with the scheme, I 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.

Sincerely

Steven Gore