From:
To:
A303 Stoneheng

Subject: National Highways" comments on UNESCO"s Advisory Mission"s report

Date: 26 September 2022 10:04:24

The scheme as proposed and defended by National Highways would have an adverse impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site. Its latest response fully acknowledges that damage to the WHS will ensue from the scheme.

An ameliorative measure, an extension of the proposed tunnel to the western limit of the WHS, is apparently discarded and National Highways' response to proposed alternatives are insufficiently specific, given the acknowledged destruction of heritage within the WHS which they have conceded.

The scheme as proposed should not be proceeded with.

Should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with the scheme, I would expect it to be the 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, taken into account and advised upon by the Government's independent Planning Inspectorate. This is vitally important in terms of statements made by National Highways about the impacts of alternative schemes outside the WHS where detail is effectively unavailable to the public and in respect of those matters of archaeological discovery and interpretation (such as from Blick Mead) reported since 2020.

Christopher Willey