Dear Transport Secretary

The High Court judgment quashed the Development Consent Order in part because the Transport Secretary at the time had not given proper consideration to alternatives. 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.

A southern bypass route to ease traffic congestion would be preferable and cheaper, but a much preferred alternative to a hard engineering solution would be a package of measures to reduce road traffic, reduce

emissions and improve public transport access to the South West.

Concern for climate change has increased since the Examination closed in October 2019 and there is now a more urgent need to reduce emissions, not increase them as any new Stonehenge road scheme would.

I continue to object to the proposals and hope that the scheme will now be abandoned. However, 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.

Regards Bill Caswell