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I am responding to your invitation to comment on the Advisory Mission's report.

I note the report finds that the Stonehenge road scheme would have an adverse impact on the OUV of the WHS. It recommends that a southern bypass should be further explored. I agree fully with these two points - the present scheme is unsuitable, in fact destructive; and there is an alternative.

Also I note The Mission admitted that at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary. While this is not the best solution it does indicate the need to protect a much larger area around Stonehenge and the World Heritage site.

As someone who has followed footpaths across the site, passing adjacent monuments, I do not believe National Highways has ever recognised the importance of maintaining the overall integrity of the whole heritage area, protecting it from destruction, noise and air pollution, and visual harm.

There is still no recognition of our moral duty to protect an area we in effect hold in trust as part of our world's heritage.

National Highways 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.

I understand the High Court judgment quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives. I think this remains the case.

I am still objecting to the proposals and hope that the scheme will be abandoned, particularly in the current economic climate.

If by any chance the Transport Secretary decides to proceed with the scheme, I hope that it will 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 discussed, and taken into account by the Government's independent Planning Inspectorate.

Yours,

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