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UNESCO's Advisory Mission report.

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In response to letter of invitation commenting on National Highways' submission

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I have been involved in these discussions and consultations since very early on. When the plan was first put forward in the early- mid 'Nineties.

I advised the Highway agency and their then preferred, and later selected contractors Mott Macdonald that as long as they had budgeted for the largest protest in Europe they should go ahead with the then proposed 'cut and cover' option. In the event that was discarded, in favour of what is now proposed in part, a bored Tunnel.

Representing the Council of British Druid Orders at these early meetings, I made it quite clear, as at the time so did National Trust (Before they capitulated, but I note here that there is a proposal now before their membership to overturn their recent support) that we were totally against the short version but could, and in all probability would (at the time) have given our support, with certain reservations to a longer bored tunnel that did not cause adverse damage to the World Heritage site.

One of the conditions for my support, and that of my Order was, and remains, that we required assurances that any Human remains found within the Sacred Landscape (WHS) would be re-interred, (after a short period of study by the Archaeologists), as close as possible to where they were excavated. I still await such assurances, which have as yet not been forthcoming.

All the same problems as outlined in the nineties as per the 'Cut and cover' option still apply to the bored tunnel's entrances and exits within the World Heritage site, The Eastern and the Western Portal,

so in that respect nothing has changed since the first proposal.

REPORT and RESPONSE

I am in full agreement with the principle finding that the scheme would have a negative impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of The World Heritage Site and that other options should be explored.

And;

I can find nothing new in the response from Highways by way of justification.

It's quite clear from the mission Report that UNESCO (whom I met with, as part of their fact finding mission), feel the proposed tunnel should be extended beyond the WHS.

ALL parties seem to be in agreement that the scheme at present would if it were to go ahead unchanged be, as was agreed by the former Transport Secretary "significantly adverse" overall.

It is for the above reasons and those submitted to the Inspectorate and to previous consultations and Inquiries that I and those I represent suggest planning permission for the scheme as it stands be withheld/and or/withdrawn.

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