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Dear Rt Hon Ann-Marie Trevelyan MP, Transport Secretary

I am sorry to see National Highways response to the above report.

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 OUV of the WHS 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 WHS boundary.

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.

The High Court judgment quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives.

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. Not least, these proposals offer a 20th Century Response to a 21st Century problem. When will any politician be brave enough to accept that car ownership at the current level, however powered, is simply unsustainable if we want to continue to have a planet we can live on. If even some of the proposed spend was diverted to sustainable, acceptable quality public transport, reduce the need for commuting and other environmentally sound solutions, the congestion problems would be solved without the destruction of our irreplaceable heritage. Especially as the UK Government currently seems to have money to burn with its present policies of financially rewarding the richest inhabitants of the UK. Are you that brave politician who will champion the 21st Century solution? Our children and grandchildren (if they survive) will never forgive us for the wanton destruction of their heritage.

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. Such a momentous and destructive "solution" should be fully and properly debated in front of and with the citizens of this country.

Yours sincerely

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