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**Subject:** A303 Stonehenge Interested Parties comments request

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## Good evening

Thank you for your letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 inviting Interested Parties for comments.

Having looked at the report of the Advisory Mission I still believe that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage Site, Stonehenge, and that if anything is to be done then a southern bypass should be further explored. At very least if this project is to go ahead then the tunnel must be extended far enough so as not to impact on the WHS.

I find it completely unacceptable that National Highways keep regurgitating the same old arguments as they have done previously in attempts to try and justify this appalling project.

I know I am not alone in my concerns, UNESCO World Heritage Committee, independent specialists, and so many others have voiced concerns. Even the former Transport Secretary agreed that the overall impact would be significantly adverse.

The DCO for this project as quashed partly due to the fact that adequate consideration had not been given to alternatives.

Yet National Highways continue as if oblivious to the serious concerns and evidence of just how harmful their proposals are. It is ludicrous that a government company are so keen to try and push ahead with such an awful project that would cause harm to a WHS, and risk losing such a valuable and important status for such a special site.

As often is the case with National Highways they simply attempt to continue as though it is just business as usual. It is now common place that they attempt to behave in a way that gives the impression they believe they are untouchable, and can just keep saying the same thing without putting any effort into truly considering what others are saying.

Their responses fail to address the concerns of so many.

I am also disappointed to see that this project has been added to the list of road projects to be accelerated when this serious matter is still supposed to be open for discussion and comments. If the new Transport Secretary has already decided the fate of this project before we have all had a chance to share our comments, this seems rather undemocratic, unfair, and unacceptable. Should she wish to proceed with this project I feel that it would be only right that a new Examination be opened since it has now been a considerable time frame since the last one.

I remain strongly opposed to the proposed A303 Stonehenge project.

Thanks and kind regards

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