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Stone Henge area plan response

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I am responding to the most recent national highways submission regarding the Stone Henge area.

Firstly, I am well aware of the report of the Advisory Mission and am in agreement with its primary findings that this plan as proposed would have a negative impact on the OUV of the WHS and that a more southerly bypass should be further explored. As you may be aware, within that report, it was said that at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary.

The National Highways has done little more than repeat its original arguments it previously raised 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.

Further on the list of negative respondents was the High Court judgment that quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives. The National Highways' latest response fails to alleviate any of the above concerns and accordingly, I continue to object to the proposals and hope that the scheme will be scrapped. If the Transport Secretary does 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,

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