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To the Right Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan,

I am writing to you as Transport Secretary to reiterate my concerns regarding the road development scheme for the A303 at Stonehenge.

As a resident of the South West who regularly travels this section of road, I understand the need to alleviate the queues and delays caused by this section of the road.

However as someone deeply passionate about the history of our land, my main concern is the protection of this unique and irreplaceable monument and its surrounding landscape. 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/We continue to object to the proposals and hope that the scheme will be abandoned.

– Should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with the scheme, I/we 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.

My own observation is that the delays are caused by the fact that drivers slow down to look at and even photograph the monument in passing, which causes a considerable backlog to traffic. Some kind of screen which meant the monument was not visible from the road would enable traffic to proceed at a normal speed, as it does on other single track portions of the A303.

Given the significance to pagan worshippers of the alignment of the monument with the midsummer sunrise and mid winter sunset, such screens should be made able to be dropped to ground level to allow the alignment to take place unimpeded. S

Yours sincerely

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