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Re: Response to the letter of invitation of 14 September to comment on National Highways' submission

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Highways' submission in relation to the proposed widening of the A303 close to Stonehenge.

I am extremely concerned that the currently favoured approach does not properly take account of the principal finding of the report of the UNESCO Advisory Mission that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the OUV of the WHS.

The UNESCO Mission recommends that a southern bypass should be further explored and that at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary.

However, National Highways has simply reiterated many of its previous arguments to justify a scheme which is clearly unacceptable to the Government's independent specialist examiners, UNESCO's World Heritage Committee. Even the former Transport Secretary himself has 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 and National Highways' response fails to alleviate any of the above concerns.

I object to the proposals and hope that the scheme will be abandoned.

However, 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.

Yours

Graham Randles