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**Subject:** For the attention of Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP Transport Secretary

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## **Transport Secretary consulting on UNESCO Advisory Mission report**

Source: Planning Inspectorate's overview and 'what happens next'

I have carefully studied the report of the Advisory Mission and have reached the conclusion that its principal finding is sound; i.e. the proposed scheme would have an adverse impact on the World Heritage Site and a southern bypass should be further explored.

The Mission has admitted that at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the World Heritage Site boundary.

It is clear that National Highways have not taken any of the findings into account and has simply reiterated many of the arguments it 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.

The National Highways' response fails to alleviate any of the above concerns, so I continue to object to the proposals and hope that the

scheme will be abandoned.

Should the Transport Secretary ignore this advice, drawn together from considerable expertise and experience, with the intention 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.

Stonehenge has been here for a lot longer than we have and any government action to sabotage efforts to secure its future, will go down in history as reckless and irresponsible.

Jenny Gordon