Dear Mrs Trevelyan,

Having read the Final Report on the joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS / ICCROM Advisory Mission to Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites, I believe that the current scheme (the proposed tunnel) would adversely affect the site, as the Report concludes, and that the option of a southern ring road should be given further consideration. Crucially the government has already been criticised for not having adequately considered alternatives. At the very least, can the option of extending the western limit of the tunnel be explored, so that the tunnel emerged beyond the boundary of the World Heritage Site.

The current arguments being put forward by National Highways seem merely to reiterate arguments already made, and crucially which were found unacceptable by the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee and the Government's independent examiners.

If there is a continuing intention to proceed with the scheme, I would expect that it will be subject to an additional formal public Examination, through which all the new evidence submitted by various bodies since 2020 can be evaluated and publicly and openly discussed, and that the Government will be prepared to follow the advice of its independent Planning Inspectorate.

Your sincerely,

Andrew Edgar

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