

Dear Transport Secretary, the Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP,

I am horrified to note that National Highways is persevering in its attempts to do irreparable damage to the Stonehenge World Heritage Site through the construction of a dual-carriageway and tunnel - despite the findings detailed in the report of the Advisory Mission and the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

Stonehenge - and Avebury, with which it is twinned - are archaeological, spiritual, historical and environmental gems. Britain should be proud that we have such sites within our boundaries. That they can be under threat from road building is diabolical. We are the caretakers of these places and should be doing everything in our power to preserve them.

In addition, road schemes such as this are not compatible with net zero pledges and promises to reduce global warming as we face a climate emergency and sixth mass extinction. Also, as the cost of living crisis bites, the money earmarked for this desecration could be better spent.

Once again, I would ask that other options - such as a southern bypass - be explored. Or, better still, that the scheme be scrapped and the money used to improve our public transport so more of us can move to a car-free existence.

Should you decide 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 sincerely



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