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Subject: Response to National Highways' comments on UNESCO's Advisory Mission's report following its visit of April 2022, published last month
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Dear Anne-Marie Trevelyan

Thank you for inviting responses to the comments of National Highways (NH) on UNESCO's Advisory Mission's report on the proposed highway changes on land adjacent to the Stonehenge site.

It is clear to me that the proposed scheme would have an extremely deleterious impact on the area. The proposed tunnel is far too short, it would blight the area even more, and there is much of huge archaeological significance in the land around the Stonehenge site that would be adversely impacted. Any major development of the kind proposed would destroy possibly unique and certainly irreplaceable ancient sites while in itself being of minor transience.

We are in a climate emergency. There are far too many cars and other motorised vehicles on the roads, and the answer is not road widening or tunnels or anything of the kind. Future generations – if there are to be any – will wonder what the people of this century were thinking if this reckless and highly damaging scheme goes ahead.

I am not by any means alone in my concerns. UNESCO's World Heritage Committee has spoken out strongly against this proposed development, five planning inspectors have rejected it, there have been almost a quarter of a million objections to it, and even government advisers and a former Transport Secretary have expressed qualms.

I do not believe that NH's response has adequately addressed any of the major concerns, and I urge you to abandon this foolhardy scheme.

Thank you.

Helen Banks

