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To the Transport Secretary
the Rt Hon Anne-Mary Trevelyan MP

**Comments to the comments by National Highways
on UNESCO's Advisory Mission's report**

National Highway's reactions range between self-praise, on the one hand quoting extensively the Mission's appreciatory remarks in respect of National Highways readiness to compromise, and on the other hand rigorously rejecting any further badly needed modifications of the DCO Scheme. In their statement of reasons National Highways refers to the National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPSNN), which by nature can only give general outlines and does not really touch the points in question and much less be carte blanche for decisions detrimental to the site as a whole and its Outstanding Universal Value.

Apart from that National Highways resorts to unfair assertions when it claims, that WHC wanted to "determine whether developments around the world are acceptable or not". Using such casually propounded evasion manoeuvres, National Highways disqualifies itself as a serious partner in search of sound compromises. If National Highways was to live up to the favourable comments by the Mission, it could at least be expected that they take the Mission's reasonings and recommendations serious enough to at least reconsider those points, which for the Mission most urgently need to be modified. The comments by National Highways however show plainly, that they are not willing to do so and that all grounded arguments are brushed aside.

Concerning a property of historical and - for as yet undisclosed treasures - future significance to the entire world, it is the will of National Highways to push through its unaltered plans for the road scheme - an impoverishment for the world and a proof of incompetence for Britain.

In a case like this, monetary concerns should not be to the fore, but the best at all possible.

Two pronounced connoisseurs of Great Britain's archaeological treasures.

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