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Having read the report of the Advisory Mission, I find it astonishing that the National Highways Authority has simply reiterated many of the arguments it has 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.

I agree with UNESCO's principal finding, i.e. that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the OUV of the WHS and that at the very least, the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary, and that a southern bypass should be further explored.

I continue to object to the proposals and hope that the scheme will be abandoned. Should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with the scheme, I would expect it to be subject to another formal public Examination so that all of the new information submitted by National Highways, UNESCO and others since 2020 may be fully and openly discussed, and taken into account and advised upon by the Government's independent Planning Inspectorate.

After all, the High Court judgment quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives.

Yours

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