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To: [A303 Stonehenge](#)
Subject: A303 Stonehenge road scheme
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Dear Anne-Marie Treveleyan,

I have read the report of the UNESCO Advisory Mission regarding plans for A303 Stonehenge redetermination and wish to respond to National Highways comments.

I agree with the Advisory Mission's principal finding that the scheme as it stands would have an adverse impact on the OUV of this important World Heritage Site and that a southern bypass should be further explored.

The Mission admitted that at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary. National Highways has simply reiterated many of the arguments it has raised previously to justify a scheme which is clearly unacceptable to:

- Government independent specialist examiners
- * UNESCO World Heritage Committee
- the former Transport Secretary who agreed with the examining panel that the scheme would be 'significantly adverse' overall.

The High Court judgement quashed the DCO in part because the then Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives.

National Highways' response fails to alleviate any of the above concerns.

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

Meanwhile, it is worth considering that the A303 Stonehenge roads scheme has been rejected by UNESCO, five planning inspectors, and over 220,000 signatures in 147 countries and that consent was quashed by the High Court.

Clearly, to proceed with the scheme as it stands would not only override professional and legal judgement and jeopardise Stonehenge's WHS status, but also further damage the confidence of an already wavering electorate. Can the Conservative Party risk yet another over-budget, environmentally damaging gambit such as 'white elephant' HS20? We are already losing important ancient woodland. Failing to fully respect the integrity of a much-loved, world-renowned monument such as Stonehenge may prove a scheme too far for some voters.

Thank you for your time,

Yours respectfully,

Vicci Bentley

