I have read the report of the Advisory Mission and agree with its principle finding that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the OUV of the WHS and that a southern bypass should be further explored and that the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary.

Simply by reiterating many of its previous arguments National Highways has not addressed any of the objections by;

Governments 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.

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

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 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.

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