Dear Sirs

I have read the **and agree with its principal** finding, i.e. that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the OUV of the WHS 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'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.

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

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

– I/We 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/we 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.

I do think that this is a luxury that the country and taxpayer cannot afford and that the money could be better spent. There are so many more worthy causes at this present time that it seems a waste spending it on something that we have all managed to live without. I do hope common sense will prevail in this matter and thank you for taking the time to read this.

Best wishes

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