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To the **Transport Secretary, the Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP**

I am in agreement with the main finding of the report of the Advisory Mission that a southern bypass should be considered in more detail as the current proposal will have a huge impact upon the world heritage site, especially the OUV and the integrity of the site! This is a **World** Heritage Site that has survived for thousands of years. It is of the utmost importance that we preserve the site untouched and unthreatened by motor vehicles. We are extremely lucky to be the custodians of such a precious ancient monument and it is incumbent upon us to look after such an ancient artifact to the best of our ability, it must not be permanently brutalised just for the convenience of motorists. We have an obligation to set standards for the preservation of ancient monuments (especially those designated as WHSs) if we find it convenient to compromise such sites for the sake of the motor car then we can hardly ask others to protect their ancient monuments particularly if they inconvenience motorists.

I understand that all the arguments put forward by the National Highways Agency to justify the scheme have been confirmed to be unacceptable by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, the Government's independent specialist examiners and even the former Transport Secretary who sided with the examining panel confirming that the scheme would be "significantly adverse"!

The High Court quashed the Development Consent Order partly on the basis that the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives. Well perhaps now is the time to reconsider the plan and look more carefully at the alternatives that would not compromise the integrity of the WHS and show we are responsible custodians of our historical artifacts if not, perhaps we should be handing them to the Greeks who may prove more capable of looking after them (along with the marbles they covet)!

I continue to oppose the proposals and hope that, following a review, the scheme is abandoned.

If the Transport Secretary intends to proceed with the desecration of this WHS, I trust that it will be subject to 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, taken into account and advised upon by the Government's independent Planning Inspectorate.

Regards

John Fletcher