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**Subject:** Points concerning UNESCO's Advisory Mission report

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## Dear Madam.

I appreciate that a replacement road scheme would be helpful due to the inadequate nature of the current road, however, I agree with the report of UNESCO's Advisory Mission that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the outstanding universal value of the World Heritage Site and that a southern bypass should be explored.

I particularly note this paragraph:

An alternative route, which re-routes the A303 completely around the WHS, and enables the complete closure of the existing section of the A303 within the WHS, would provide the best option for minimizing any negative impact and enhancing positive benefits to the OUV of the property.

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 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.

Yours Sincerely

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