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To: A303 Stonehenge

Subject: FAO The Secretary of State for Transport

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Dear Secretary of State

I write to express my concern that the proposal for the A303 Stonehenge road scheme has not been conclusively and permanently dropped despite the many findings against it.

I have read the <u>report of the UNESCO Advisory Mission</u> 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.

In a very important ruling, 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 you intend to proceed with the scheme, I trust that it will be the subject of another formal public Examination so that all 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.

Stonehenge is truly a World Heritage Site, and the proposed road scheme will damage even further the UK's global reputation.

Yours sincerely

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