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At the invitation of my colleagues, I have read the report of the Advisory Mission and I now wish to take up the offer to send you comments. Like the colleagues who sent me the link to the report, I agree with its principal finding, 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 the 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).

I am told that the High Court judgment quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives. The National Highways' response fails to alleviate any of the above concerns.

I wish to voice my support for those who continue to object to the proposals. Like them, I hope that the scheme will be abandoned, and request that, should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with the scheme, 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.

Best wishes,

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