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**Subject:** UNESCO's Advisory Mission report re the proposals for the Stonehenge WHS: my response to your request for comments on National Highways submission  
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Dear Sirs

Regarding your request for comments by 28th September on National Highways submission, I make the following observations:

The principal finding of the UNESCO Advisory Mission was that the proposed scheme of National Highways would have an adverse impact on the OUV of the WHS and that a southern bypass should be further explored. The Mission stated that at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary.

National Highways has now merely repeated many of the arguments it has raised previously, in an attempt 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.

Also, the High Court judgment quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternative options.

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 Secretary of State for Transport intend to proceed with the scheme, I presume and would expect that it will be the 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, taken into account and advised upon by the Government's independent Planning Inspectorate.

Yours faithfully

Steven Kennell