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Dear Anne- Marie Trevelyn,  
Transport Secretary,

Re: Stonehenge- a UNESCO World Heritage site

I am very disappointed to learn that National Highways are still trying to pursue the construction of a dual carriage road scheme that would have a very adverse impact on Stonehenge and the surrounding sites of Avebury, which are important prehistoric monument sites. These sites are important not just for England but for the world.

The road scheme and tunnel proposed by National Highways was previously challenged, and was found to be unacceptable to many experts, particularly as it proposes to excavate and build a tunnel under the monument. Experts from Museums, the National Trust, historians and most prominently the UNESCO World Heritage Committee opposed this proposal. Even the former Transport Secretary himself agreed with the examining panel and Government's independent specialist examiners that the scheme would be "significantly adverse" overall and he declined the proposal from National Highways.

I understand that, following a legal appeal, the application from National Highways is being reconsidered. I urge you Minister to reject this application, or that at least such a scheme would be subject to another formal public Examination, given the historic and international significance of the Monument. This would allow all new information submitted by National Highways and others since 2020 to be considered by the public and others.

Yours sincerely

Marie Abbott