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A303 Stonehenge
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A303 Stonehenge scheme
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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I have been following what has been happening to this planning application.

Consequently, I have read the report of the Advisory Mission. I agree with its principal finding that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the WHS and that therefore a southern bypass should be further explored.

You will know that the Mission argued that at the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary.

In contrast to this detailed study, National Highways has blithely regurgitated many of the arguments it has raised previously. I find these arguments unpersuasive, as do 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. This is a scheme that is clearly unacceptable, and National Highways' response fails to alleviate any of the concerns raised by these bodies.

I hope that the scheme will be abandoned but if the Transport Secretary intends 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,

