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Subject: Comments on the UNESCO Advisory Mission Report concerning Development Consent for the Construction of a New dual carriageway at Stonehenge
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Dear Ms Trevelyn,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to offer my comments regarding the The World Heritage Centre/ICOMOS/ICCROM Advisory Mission's response to the application by National Highways for an order granting Development Consent for the construction of a new two-lane dual carriage way for the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire.

Having read the report and all relevant information I feel that the National Highway's submission scheme would have an adverse impact on the OUV of the WHS and I am inclined to agree that a less damaging scheme, such as a southern bypass, for example, should be sought. I also agree that, at the very least, any tunnel should be extended to the western WHS boundary.

It does appear that National Highways has reiterated many of the arguments it has raised *previously* to justify its scheme, which is clearly unacceptable to both the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, the Government's independent specialist examiners - and indeed the former Transport Secretary himself, who agreed with the examining panel that the scheme would be "significantly adverse" overall.

It seems as if The High Court judgment quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives, which really should be investigated before making any rash decisions that may be regretted in the future. Planning for growth should not be at the expenses of a World Heritage Site as important as Stonehenge.

Yours sincerely,

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