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Subject: The construction of a new two-lane dual carriage way for the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire
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The Transport Secretary
Right Honourable Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP

Dear Transport Secretary

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by National Highways (“the Applicant”) 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.

I am writing in response to a response on the Final Report on the joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS / ICCROM Advisory Mission to Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites (c.373bis) 19 - 21 April 2022 (‘the Report’) and on the information provided by the Applicant.

I have read the [reccomendations of the Advisory Mission](#) in its report and agree with its principal finding, i.e. 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: 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.

– The High Court judgment quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives.

– National Highways’ response fails to alleviate any of the above concerns.

– I object to the proposals and hope that the scheme will be abandoned.

– Should the Transport Secretary intend 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 faithfully,

Anthony Bales

