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A303 Stonehenge

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I understand that the Transport Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan has invited further comments about the National Highways comments about UNESCO's Advisory Mission's comprehensive report.

I have read the report and agree with its main findings that the scheme would adversely affected the Outstanding Universal Value of the World heritage Site and that a southern bypass should be further explored.

At the very least the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the World Heritage Site's boundary. The essence of the entire World Heritage Site is the spatial interrelationships of the known and yet to be discovered sacred neolithic sites. The earthworking required to construct the tunnel will dwarf the many and varied ancient earthworks and the gaps created by the tunnel portals will permanently deny future generations from contemplation of the present undivided World Heritage Site. The A303 is in itself a physical barrier but its visual effects are far less obtrusive.

The High Court judgement quashed the Development Consent Order in part because the previous Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives. One such alternative that needs proper consideration is a complete by-pass outside the entire World Heritage Site.

Finally, if the Transport Secretary intends to proceed with the scheme I hope that it will be subject to 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views and I hope that my views and the many others you are bound to receive will be taken into account. I look forward to hearing from you further.

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