From:
To: A303 Stonehenge

Subject: National Highways Response to UNESCO Report

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Dear Anne-Marie Trevelyan,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Highways response to the UNESCO Report on the proposed A303 dual carriageway scheme between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire. I have read their report and it is no surprise that they join so many other experts in objecting to the proposed roadway that, if built as intended, will prove so prejudicial to the priceless World Heritage Site of Stonehenge. I note that the report suggests an alternative southern bypass or, at the very least, that the tunnel associated with the dual carriageway be extended to the western edge of the Stonehenge site. The UNESCO Advisory MIssion's report is in accordance with the views of those of previous Government experts, UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, thousands of members of the public who are appalled at this proposal and have signed a petition to that effect and even your predecessor, the former Transport Minister. It would seem that National Highways is simply digging in its heels and refusing to reconsider this proposal, despite the weight of massive opposition. Stonehenge will be both diminished and degraded by the roadway as it is currently proposed and it seems unimaginable that any agency could consider such a threat to one of the UK's most iconic historical sites.

I continue to strenuously oppose the current proposal, especially as National Highways seems intent on ignoring all alternatives and the advice of so many other concerned experts. It the proposal were to go ahead, I would hope that, at the very least, it would be the subject of another formal public Examination so that all comments and information received since 2020 could be publicly discussed and considered by the Government's independent Planning Inspectorate.

Thank you for your consideration of this email, E Andrea Kiernan