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After reading the report of the Advisory Mission I wanted to write to say that I agree with its main finding that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the Outstanding Universal Value 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.

I am very disappointed that National Highways has simply reiterated many of the arguments it has raised previously to justify a scheme that clearly falls short on so many levels. The scheme was unacceptable to the Government's independent specialist examiners, UNESCO's World Heritage Committee AND the former Transport Secretary himself who agreed with the 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 these concerns.

I continue to strongly object to the proposals and I hope this detrimental scheme will be abandoned.

Should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with the scheme, I trust 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, taken in to account and advised upon by the Government's independent Planning Inspectorate.

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