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Dear Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan,

I am writing this e-mail to protest the application, made by National Highways, for an Order granting consent for the development of a two-lane dual carriage-way between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire.

Firstly, I would like to state that I have read the report of the Advisory Mission and agree with their principle finding (i.e. that the scheme would have an immense negative impact on this area of Outstanding Universal Value of this World Heritage Site and that a southern bypass should be further explored). I note that this report attempts to compromise this situation by suggesting that 'at the very least, the western limit of the tunnel should be extended to the WHS boundary.'

It appears that National Highways are simply reiterating many of the arguments that have previously been raised to justify a scheme which is unacceptable to:

The 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.

National Highways' have continuously failed to alleviate any of the concerns raised by the above agencies.

Should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with this 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.

Finally, I would like to remind you that you – and this government – are accountable for your actions. I know that, given we are now suffering our 3rd undemocratically unelected prime minister and their delusional policies on protecting the few at the expense of the many, it seems that you and your party are untouchable; there will come a time when – if not yourselves – then your legacies will be held accountable for the actions you delivered to this great nation. Might I take this opportunity to remind you of a famous quote:

'Disciplining yourself to do what you know is right and important, although difficult, is the high-road to pride, self-esteem and personal satisfaction.' (Margaret Thatcher)

At the inevitable end by which we all shall face, when looking back at our endeavours – the successes and the failures – may you be able to look back at this moment with pride from having stood against the soullessness of these proposals made purely in the pursuit of profit. This unique site of such historical importance has stood undisturbed for 1000s of years. May your legacy be remembered as that of a hero who stood to protect it for future generations to follow.

Thank you kindly for your time taken to read this e-mail,

Matthew Croker