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To: A303 Stonehenge
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I am emailing to request that the DCO for the proposed A303 Stonehenge Road widening scheme be completely re-examined. The original discredited scheme was legally quashed and therefore should not continue to be supported by National Highways in its original form.

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee has urged the Government to look at different options for widening the A303, so that the outstanding value of the whole site can be preserved. As it stands, the proposal will result in at least 2.4km of above-ground road engineering WITHIN the WHS. This will obviously be damaging to the site.

There exist alternatives such as a southern bypass route, or the building of a longer tunnel, which would be less threatening to the Stonehenge WHS. Why is it that these haven't been fully assessed by National Highways?

(Even better would be to start implementing transport policies which actually reduce volumes of road traffic. Road widening usually results in increased traffic volumes in the longer term).

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee has said that it will have to consider placing the site on its list of World Heritage in Danger, if the current proposed scheme is not modified. This is one of the most outstanding World Heritage Sites in the world, and it is outrageous that this danger is considered as immaterial, by National Highways and the Government.

How much longer must we submit to this constant destruction of our natural and cultural heritage, in the name of schemes which, at the end of the day, result in greater carbon emissions, at the very time when it is critical that we reduce these?

This DCO must be re-examined by an independent panel, and not just pushed forward again in its original unmodified form!

Thank you.

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