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Transport Secretary, the Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP,

Dear Madam Secretary,

Like many others I have read the <u>report of the Advisory Mission</u> and strongly agree with its principal finding, i.e. that the scheme would have an adverse impact on the OUV of the WHS and that a southern bypass should be further explored. Whilst the Mission admitted, 'at the very least' that an extension to the Western end of the tunnel should be considered I do not personally accept that position. The tunnel as proposed would have a totally destructive impact on the Blicks Mead Mesolithic site which lies close to the proposed Avebury interchange at the Eastern entrance.

National Highways have not addressed the crucial points raised both in the consultation process and the Mission report. They have simply reiterated old failed justifications which clearly have not stood up to the scrutiny of the Governments independent specialist advisors, the UNESCO World Heritage Committee and indeed the view of the previous Transport Secretary who stated that the impact of the scheme would be 'significantly adverse'.

The High Court judgment quashed the DCO in part because the Transport Secretary had not given proper consideration to alternatives.

National Highways response still fails to properly address these concerns.

Should the Transport Secretary intend to proceed with the 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.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
Roger Brake