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To: National Highways

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by National Highways (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the construction of a new two-lane dual carriage way for the A303 between Amesbury and Berwick Down in Wiltshire.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT

Final Report on the joint World Heritage Centre / ICOMOS / ICCROM Advisory Mission to Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites (c.373bis) 19 - 21 April 2022 (‘the Report’)

The Secretary of State notes that an ICOMOS/ICCROM/UNESCO Advisory Mission (‘the Mission’) was undertaken from 19 to 21 April 2022 to the Stonehenge component (the WHS) of the ‘Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites’ serial World Heritage property, which was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1986.

The Secretary of State notes that the Department of Culture, Media and Sports has submitted the Report to the Secretary of State for Transport on behalf of UNESCO’s World Heritage Centre, which reviewed the progress on the upgrading of the A303. The Mission had a wider agenda which also considered the impact on the Stonehenge landscape and the Outstanding Universal Value. The Report has been published on the [Planning Inspectorate’s website](#) and [UNESCO’s website](#). The Secretary of State notes that the Report includes findings and recommendations. The Secretary of State

would like to invite comments from the Applicant on the findings and recommendations included in the Report.

The deadline for any response is 9 September 2022.

Interested Parties will be invited to comment on the Report and the Applicant's response in due course.

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to: A303Stonehenge@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, or difficulty submitting a response by email, please inform the Case Team.

The responses will be published on the project webpage for the A303 Stonehenge DCO on the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as possible after the above deadline at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/a303-stonehenge/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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