

## STONEHENGE ALLIANCE UPDATE



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**Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>**

The Department for Transport has written to Interested Parties setting out the Transport Secretary's "Statement of Matters" on which he wishes to consult as part of the process of redetermining the application for the A303 Stonehenge scheme quashed by the High Court earlier this year. If you registered as an Interested Party prior to the scheme Examination in 2019 you will have been emailed [this latest development](#), now in the public domain.

In the first instance, National Highways has been asked to submit its response to the matters listed in the letter of notification by Tuesday 11 January 2022.

Once that response has been published, there will be a consultation on that response and an opportunity to raise other relevant issues. We'll let you know.

As this might be the last email we send before 2022, we would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you warmly for your support and send you midwinter festive greetings.

With our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year,

John Adams OBE

Chairman, together with the Stonehenge Alliance team of activists

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## Statement of Matters (extract)

### Department for Transport, 30 Nov 2020

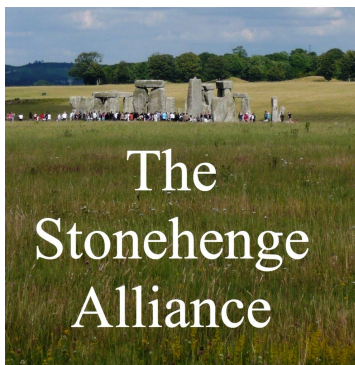
2. I am therefore writing in accordance with rule 20(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 to set out to you, as an Interested Party to the above application, the following matters on which the Secretary of State invites further representations for the purposes of his re-determination of the application. These matters are:

- Any updates Interested Parties consider to be material to the information relating to alternatives considered by the Examining Authority in section 5.4 of their report (including the relative merits of a longer tunnel option); and any further information that Interested Parties consider to be material for the Secretary of State to take into account in his re-determination of the application relating to the relative merits of alternatives to the Development;
- any change in whether the Development would be consistent with the requirements and provisions of relevant local or national policies, given the time since the examination closed;
- Any update to:
  - the assessment of the impact of the scheme on the carbon budgets to take account of the sixth carbon budget; and
  - the direct, indirect and cumulative likely significant effects of the development with other existing and/or approved projects on climate, including greenhouse gas emissions and climate change adaptation, in light of the requirements set out in the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('the EIA Regulations') and in light of paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the National Policy Statement for National Networks;
- other than where already covered by the matters set out above, the adequacy of the environmental information produced in support of the application for the Development<sup>1</sup> and whether any further or updated environmental information is now necessary given the time since the examination closed; and
- any other matters arising since 12 November 2020 which Interested Parties consider are material for the Secretary of State to take into account in his re-determination of the application.

#### The re-determination process

3. The process for consultation and consideration of the application will be as follows:

- **The Secretary of State would like to give the Applicant the first opportunity to make representations on the matters set out in paragraph 2. The deadline for the Applicant to respond is 11 January 2022.**
- A copy of the representations received will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as possible after the deadline for the Applicant to respond.
- **The Secretary of State will then invite all Interested Parties to provide written comments on the Applicant's response and on all other matters stated above.**
- A copy of these representations will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as possible after the final deadline for responding.



## *ABOUT THE STONEHENGE ALLIANCE*

The Stonehenge Alliance is a group of non-governmental organisations and individuals that seeks enhancements to the Stonehenge World Heritage Site and opposes development that would cause it significant harm. [More about us](#)

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