

STONEHENGE ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Dear Supporter,

An impressive 1,200+ responses to the redetermination consultation were forwarded to Transport Secretary Grant Shapps and published by the Planning Inspectorate last week, including responses of those not registered as Interested Parties. A huge **thank you** to all who managed to send in their comments. These are being analysed by one of our volunteers but it looks as if objectors, NGOs and Stonehenge specialists have stood firm with their resolve strengthened.

The Stonehenge Alliance submitted a raft of [new documents](#) which shows that the case for the scheme is even weaker than it was at the Public Examination in 2019.

We highlighted that the economic case for the tunnel, already in the red, is now far worse with rising construction costs and a heritage valuation survey that is no longer valid. We also rebut National Highways' assessment of alternatives, which is not fit for purpose as it failed to acknowledge the Examining Authority's and Grant Shapps' opinion that the road scheme would cause significant harm to the World Heritage Site.



Tom Holland, our President, said: "There is only one sane outcome to this process and that is for Grant Shapps to refuse permission for this highly damaging road scheme. Even though UNESCO has threatened to place the site on the List of World Heritage in Danger if the road goes ahead as planned, National Highways remains in complete denial about the impact of its plans for the Stonehenge landscape. This Government-owned company is increasingly clutching at straws in its attempts to justify the desecration of our most iconic World Heritage Site.

"If Grant Shapps refuses to take the sensible course and tell National Highways to go

away and come back with something better, then at the very least he should hold a new public examination. The amount of technical information involved is far too great for the Secretary of State to make a new decision without first obtaining the expert advice of a team of independent planning inspectors."

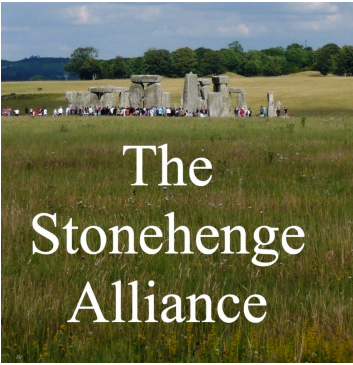
Updated response to the Statement of Matters on carbon

Some of you might have received a [further invitation](#) to comment on National Highways' [updated response on carbon](#) by 10 June. This is a technical paper which the Alliance plans to comment on. We will endeavour to circulate some key points in due course.

Best wishes,
John Adams OBE
Chair

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee postpones its session in Russia

The annual session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, the body that makes decisions about World Heritages Sites, will not take place from June 19-30 in Kazan, Russia, as initially planned. The UNESCO World Heritage Centre website gives no new date or location. Our colleagues at World Heritage Watch explain the complex background to this decision in their post [here](#).



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](#)

The petition against the road is at almost 220,000 signatures. You can sign and share [here](#).



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