Hello
Thank you for your email of the 6th Dec with the World Heritage Site Coordination Units response of the 5th Dec to the application.

As background , the WHS was inscripted in mid 1980's and at that time the cattle barns and silage clamp were on the site , the barn in question was erected in 1990's replacing the original barn . Although is would be desirable not to have these buildings in the landscape they serve the existing local farming community.

We consider there are two issues raised by the response.

1 Increase in operations and change in character of the existing operations

We remind ourselves of the previous use of the buildings for dairy cattle housing , collecting and dispersal yards ,parlour and ad-lib silage clamp with associated buildings and lighting

It is suggested the proposals for which permission is sought will result in less activity over the whole year than the original use

2 Introduction of an external structure [dryer] that would protrude above the present roof slope .

As mentioned other locations had been considered but these would require new buildings and infrastructure and in a review of OUV 7.4.11and 12 such a proposal would not comply with the criteria .

It is not possible to located the dryer within the building and having considered the impact of this equipment in the landscape from public vantage points was minimal we now address the views from Lake Down Barrow.

These are located approximately a third of a kilometer North East of the site on adjoining owners land as shown on the attached extract plan from 'Exploring the WHS , Stonehenge and Avebury' .

The applicant has taken photographs from the Barrows looking towards the site with photo position plan which are now included in our amended Statement and adaption on photograph 14 showing approximate position of the Barrows in relation to the site indicated when viewed from Rox Hill Clump.

The East side of the grain store will be exposed to views from the Barrows and the top part of the dryer will extend above the roof line but it can be seen there is a backdrop from other buildings ,silage clamp with the tree belt beyond . The public cannot access this location .

There will be no construction traffic passing the Barrows and no need for any personnel to be in this area.

Regarding lighting we remind ourselves of the previous use of the site for a dairy herd, milking parlour, collection and dispersal yards , ad lib silage clamp with support buildings all of which required lighting in the winter periods .

The proposal in our humble opinion will result in less light pollution , the main activity will be in the summer but for maintenance purposes lighting over the conveyor will be within the building ,mobile lighting on the dryer if necessary and any loading out will rely on tractor lights for approximately one hour if necessary

With the experience of observing the flood lighting from Larkhill Camp light pollution has been considered and no permanent flood lighting is proposed .

In conclusion the main issues are the protrusion of the dryer above the sloping roof line and the use of the redundant farm buildings

On balance it is considered the use of the buildings has no detrimental impact on the OUV.

The protrusion of the upper section of the dryer is unavoidable , any enclosure to mitigate the plant would in our opinion only emphasise it. The plant is not isolated , located in a working farm against a building would not have a detrimental impact on the OUV

We welcome the input from the Coordination Unit and trust the above comments and the additional information will lead to their support.

Apologies for the quality of the photo's in part 14 B but weather is against us

Agree to EoT to on or before end of 19th January 2024 can you keep us aware of any adverse comments please

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