27.12.23

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Dear Ms Wright ,

Application No. PL/2023/08661 - Westfield Farm, Upper Woodford, Salisbury, SP4 6PG

The WHS Coordination Unit welcomes the provision of the following additional information for this application: OUV Assessment and updated Statement.

The following was suggested in the WHS Coordination Unit response of 05.12.23:

1. To confirm the impact of the development to the OUV of Scheduled Monument Lake Down Barrows to the north-east by providing a viewpoint from this site and for Historic England to be consulted as to impact to nearby Scheduled Monuments.

While Lake Down Barrows are within private land, equal importance is placed on public and private viewpoints to assess impact to OUV.

The Statement provides additional information (page 8) and viewpoints (Landscape photographs 14b) which allow for a greater understanding of the visibility between the Scheduled Monument and proposed development. The Statement describes how the dryer will protrude above the roofline, increasing built form, however as described in the OUV Assessment this is experienced within the setting of a working farm with the maximum height of the dryer falling below that of the tree line. The provision of this information is welcome and demonstrates that there is no harm presented to OUV.

2. Detail of the location and nature of any additional lighting to support the operation of this facility, or confirmation that no further lighting is required.

Thank you for the additional description in the OUV Assessment of activity taking place on this site to enable an understanding of the lighting provision required, with mobile lighting on the external dryer if necessary and no permanent floodlighting proposed. This confirms that the proposal doesn't present an increase in lighting and so would not have a negative impact to Attribute 4 of OUV.

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In summary:

The WHS Coordination Unit appreciates the historic and continued use of the site for farming within the WHS landscape and through the provision of additional information can confirm that the development does not present harm to the OUV of the WHS.

Yours sincerely,

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