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Dear Mary Rose Scott,

PL/2025/09805 Chemring Countermeasures Ltd, Netton, Salisbury, SP4 6AS

Thank you for consulting the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site (WHS) Coordination Unit on this prior approval Part 14 Class J: Installation or alteration etc of solar equipment on non-domestic premises. The proposal is for a Solar PV system totalling 250kWp on the roof of the Chemring Countermeasures buildings. Panels will be sited on two East/West facing roof areas, and one North/South facing roof. The proposed system will be on a shallow pitched roof.

This application takes place c. 1.4km southeast of the Stonehenge part of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites WHS. The role of the WHS Coordination Unit is to monitor the impact of all development on the Attributes of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) as inscribed by UNESCO to maintain the Integrity and Authenticity of the WHS and its setting. For full details of OUV please refer to the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites WHS Management Plan (2015)¹.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) recognises at paragraph 202 that WHS are among assets of the highest significance and Policy 59 in the Wiltshire Core Strategy underlines that precedence should be given to the protection of the WHS and its setting.

A description of setting can be found in Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) 'Setting of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site'², adopted by Wiltshire Council in October 2025. We believe this proposal requires screening by the LPA on impact to the WHS as described in the SPD.

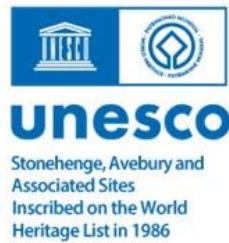
The application does not include consideration of impact to the WHS. The proposal takes place in an elevated position within c. 1.4km of the WHS, and within c. 1.4km of monuments located at high points in the southern part of the WHS including Scheduled Monument Lake Down Round Barrow Cemetery.

While limited invisibility with the WHS could be assumed due to topography, the WHS Coordination Unit is unable to confirm for the LPA whether the proposal presents harm to the WHS, and if so the level harm and mitigations, without the applicant producing a form of Landscape Visual Impact Assessment.

The solar PVs which could present a change to the WHS from a development within its setting are the west elevation of Building 1 and potentially the north elevation of Building 2. It is noted that the application describes how the angle of the roof is at a shallow pitch so the risk of glare is low. A more detailed visualisation of the proposal would allow for full assessment.

¹ [Stonehenge and Avebury WHS Management Plan 2015](#)

² [Setting of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site Supplementary Planning Document \(2025\)](#)



Historic England may wish to comment with regard to impact to WHS and Scheduled Monuments within and outside of the WHS.

Our comments relate solely to the impact of the proposal to Stonehenge and Avebury WHS and it's setting to inform the LPA's decision making. To monitor the cumulative impact of development, this response to the solar PV system has been produced alongside a response from the WHS Coordination Unit to PL202600198 for the erection of a 900 sqm (Gross External Area) warehouse on the Chemring site.

Yours sincerely,

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