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Sent electronically

Dear Joe Leesam,

[PL/2025/08565 Kamatan Acres, Larkhill Road, Durrington, Salisbury, SP4 8BH](#)

Thank you for consulting the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site (WHS) Coordination Unit on this application for change of use of land from residential to camp site, the siting of 5 moveable camping pods and the conversion of an existing ancillary residential building to a holiday let.

This application takes place within the Stonehenge part of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites WHS. The site lies within the immediate setting (45m east) of a concentration of Scheduled Monuments within the WHS: "Henge monuments at Durrington Walls and Woodhenge, a round barrow cemetery, two additional round barrows and four settlements" (NHLE 1009133). 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 to be a Level 2 development which takes place within the WHS and therefore requires screening by the LPA on impact to the WHS.

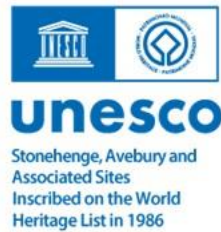
Our comments relate solely to the impact of the proposal to Stonehenge and Avebury WHS and it's setting to inform the LPA's decision making. Please note that in the event that the siting or number of pods changes further consultation would be required.

The conversion of the existing structure does not present any visual change within the setting of Durrington Walls and Woodhenge. Regarding impact to buried archaeology (Attribute 2 of OUV) in this sensitive and internationally significant area please consult with Wiltshire Council Archaeology Service in terms of ground disturbance associated with the conversion.

The proposed camping pods are described as being modest in size and design, with no ground foundations. The site is not visible from Stonehenge monument, and the proposed location of the pods provides screening from Durrington Walls Scheduled Monument by vegetation. As such, any change to the WHS from the design and location of the five pods is minimal and impact less than substantial.

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

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



However, in order to advise the LPA fully on the impact of the proposal to the WHS, information is required regarding external lighting for the holiday let and pods. Light spill within the setting of the WHS and Scheduled Monuments has the potential to negatively impact Attributes of OUV regarding dark skies (Attribute 4 of OUV) and setting (Attribute 6 of OUV).

Yours sincerely,

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