



30 April 2026

Sent electronically
Dear Georgina Wright,

[PL/2026/01867 Land adjacent to A345, High Post, Salisbury, SP4 6AT](#)

Thank you for consulting the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site (WHS) Coordination Unit on this application for the erection of a building amounting to 6,968 sqm GIA (Use Classes E(g), B2 and B8) with associated facilities, access with security, parking, hard and soft landscaping, drainage and associated works; a new roundabout from the A345 with footways and bus stops; a new access to Chemring Countermeasures UK including turning and security; Solar Fields; and associated works.

Our comments relate solely to the impact of the proposal to Stonehenge and Avebury WHS and its setting to inform the LPA's decision making. For advice on impact to Scheduled Monuments within the WHS and in other areas of the landscape please consult with Historic England.

This application takes place on and just below a prominent ridgeline approximately 2km from the boundary of the Stonehenge part of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites WHS which spans 2600 hectares and comprises a large number Scheduled Monuments. 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.

Two Solar Fields

The WHS Coordination Unit advised no objection for the solar field of [Planning Application: PL/2023/04203](#) as there was no intervisibility between monuments within the WHS and the proposal due to screening by existing development. Solar fields A and B of this current application (PL/2026/01867) comprising 6630 freestanding 2.65m high photovoltaic (PV) panels are in a different location on a more exposed area of land that slopes at solar field B.

The orientation of the PV panels is unclear, and therefore it is unclear whether the panels in field B have the potential to introduce a change to the landscape character within the setting of the WHS through possible glint and glare towards heritage receptors in an exposed and elevated and sloping

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

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



position. More information on this will allow us to advise the LPA as to level of impact within the setting of the WHS.

Main Building

The proposed Callen-Lenz main building facility comprises a single building of approximately 6,968sqm GIA with an overall height of 10 meters. The main building sits approximately 6.5m below the neighbouring ridge line of The Stones Hotel, using the sloping site and cutting the built form into the slope so that the roofline is set lower than those at hotel.

The west elevation has the highest potential for intervisibility with the WHS, with proposed materials of goosewing grey with a green accent door. I recommend that Wiltshire Council Landscape Officers advise on the suitability of the colour palette to the landscape context, particularly the green when experienced in longer-range views.

The conclusions of the Heritage Statement are based on a 5km ZTV taken from a 10m viewpoint. However Fig 3 shows the zone of theoretical visibility of a much smaller area of approx. 2km, based around a study area of heritage assets less than 2km away which does not include the WHS. In addition to this, the Heritage Statement draws conclusions based on the wider viewsheds of the WHS Setting SPD (eg fig 2.19) which do not reflect intervisibility with a 10m structure from the location of the proposal.

Similarly, the LVIA's ZTV and Viewpoint Location Plan do not take into account the WHS.

Without a ZTV based on the height of the proposal which spans the entire WHS and the Scheduled Monuments within it, it is not possible to advise the LPA on the findings of the Heritage Statement, LVIA, Planning Statement and Lighting Strategy.

External Lighting & Light Spill

While there are large areas of glazing to the north-west which could add to cumulative light spill from the High Post area within the wider landscape, there is minimal glazing on the west elevation which reduces the risk of direct light spill within the setting of the WHS.

The building is externally lit, the roundabout will be installed within an unlit environment, and the new road and footway/cycleway will be illuminated. The lighting strategy describes how the potential effects of lighting on receptors would be mitigated to within acceptable limits, including lighting design to distribute light downwards only to reduce the potential for light spill.

Fig 15 gives Stonehenge monument as the only heritage receptor within the WHS, from which it is concluded that based on the distance between the monument and the application site that there will be no effects of light spill or glare on these locations. More visual receptors within the WHS would be expected within the lighting strategy, particularly those near to the 2km study area including Rox Hill and Lake Group / Wilsford Group ridgelines, and may be identified following additional assessment from the Heritage Statement and LVIA.



In summary, and in-keeping with the WHS Setting SPD assessment process:

There is not currently enough information to determine if the application presents harm to the WHS and its OUV and where mitigation may reduce this, and the WHS Coordination Unit holds an objection until the following further information is provided:

- More information regarding solar field B.
- ZTV informing the Heritage Statement and LVIA showing full extent of WHS based on the height and location of the proposal, with WHS viewpoints in the LVIA where identified.
- A review of the lighting strategy based on the outcome of the ZTV.
- Information regarding suitability of colour palette.

Yours sincerely,

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