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Sent electronically

Dear Sarah Hill,

[PL/2026/00198 Chemring Countermeasures Ltd, Netton, Salisbury, SP4 6AS](#)

Thank you for consulting the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site (WHS) Coordination Unit.

Our comments of February 2026 were that the application does not include consideration of impact to the WHS. The WHS Coordination Unit was unable to confirm for the LPA whether the proposal presents harm to the WHS, and if so the level harm and mitigations, without:

- a Landscape Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA).
- a lighting plan prior to determination to allow for assessment and mitigation where required.

A Lighting Strategy has been produced. The 2km study area identifies a WHS heritage receptor to the south of the WHS (SM 1010879), and concludes there will be no effects of obtrusive light or glare on these locations. Due to the low mounting heights, blocking factors and existing lighting, the strategy concludes that the cumulative effect of the proposed lighting will be barely noticeable in the wider environment. The strategy includes mitigations in Table 12 including using luminaries with 0% upward light output. Consultation with your own internal lighting specialists will confirm whether the design and quantity of lighting proposed is in-keeping with best dark skies practice, ensuring protection of Attribute 4 of the WHS's Outstanding Universal Value relating to dark skies. If so, and the details of the lighting strategy can be agreed through an appropriate condition, we have no further comment on the lighting aspect of the application.

The Landscape Response provided is welcomed in response to our 30 April 2026 comments for PL/2026/01867. The WHS Setting SPD describes a 2km assessment area for developments of this size, however the site is on an elevated ridgeline for which the assessment distance is not defined.

The LVIA provided appears to have been produced for application PL/2026/01867, as the site boundary red line and associated mapping does not reflect this proposal site. This application lies on a more elevated area of land in closer proximity to monuments in the south of the WHS. As such, an individual assessment for each proposed structure is required to allow for an accurate assessment of the individual and cumulative impact on the WHS and monuments within it, and in particular Attribute 6 of the WHS's Outstanding Universal Value: the disposition, physical remains and settings of the key Neolithic and Bronze Age funerary, ceremonial and other monuments and sites of the period, which together form a landscape without parallel.

Yours sincerely,

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