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## WILTSHIRE HERITAGE

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Dear Mrs Howles

### **TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990** **APPLICATION Nos. S/2009/1527/FULL**

In the course of our consideration of this application we have come to realise that it represents a departure from the Local Plan in respect of policies that are specially designed for the protection of the settings of Scheduled Ancient Monuments and the Stonehenge World Heritage Site.

The relevant Policies of the Salisbury District Local Plan are:

- C20: Development that would adversely affect a Scheduled Ancient Monument or other nationally important archaeological features, or their settings will not be permitted; and
- C24: Development that would adversely affect the archaeological landscape of the Stonehenge World Heritage Site, or the fabric or setting of its monuments, will not be permitted.

We note that it is accepted by the applicant that the proposed scheme would have an adverse impact on the landscape and monuments of the World Heritage Site. It is stated, for example, at paragraph 5.7.27 of the Environmental Statement, that:

The proposed Scheme would have adverse effects on the OUV [Outstanding Universal Value] of the WHS due to impacts on the settings of a small part of the Stonehenge Cursus; the Lesser Cursus and associated Bronze Age barrows; the Winterbourne Stoke barrow group; and barrows to the north of the Winterbourne Stoke group; and on the visual inter-relationships between these key monument groups, as a result of construction and operation of the New Visitor Facilities and related traffic increases on the A360. The setting of 1 [one] long barrow outside the WHS boundary would also be adversely affected.

Should not the fact that the application would involve a departure from the Local Plan be advertised?

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