

91 Bishopston Road
South Gower
South Wales
SA3 3EW
4th December 2009.

Dear Mr.Madge,

The Council of British Druid Orders, (CoBDO), is the registered trademark of a non-profit making umbrella group of twenty one separate druid orders and several thousand members, throughout the British Isles, that has been in existence since February 1989.

CoBDO represents all those druids and druid pagan groups involved in the rekindling of druidry as a public national religion, and has links with all other major druid groups in Britain and abroad.

Several of our representatives have recently been attending the Vision Workshops for the future of the Stonehenge arena, hosted by English Heritage, and we are members of the Round Table group, which meets with E.H, monthly, in order to assist in the implimentation of Managed Open Access for the summer solstice.

Since the inception of these and similarly related plans for the redevelopment of the Stonehenge arena, dating back to 1995, we have been monitoring progress whilst keeping our members abreast of new developments.

Whilst the Council of British Druid Orders has always been in favour of de-cluttering the landscape and greening the environment, including closure of the A344 and moving visitor facilities to Airman's Corner, there are nevertheless discrepancies in the way that this has now been presented to the public and for planning consent.

In the original proposal, it was claimed that revenue from the new visitors' centre and the tram/train link to the Stones, would be sufficient in itself to allow those who wished to walk the considerably longer distances, to do so, and have access to the Stones, FREE OF CHARGE.

Indeed it was sold to the public on this premise.

Equally, great emphasis was made of the fact that the Stones would now stand in a 360 degree OPEN ENVIRONMENT, with NO FENCES separating English Heritage land from National Trust land. The phrase used at the time, being

"You will be able to walk into the Stones from any point of the compass, and observe them in their ancient natural surroundings"

We respectfully request that Wiltshire County Council require of English Heritage that the ethos and spirit of the above promises BE KEPT, before granting consent to all the other planning considerations contained in the application.

Yours Sincerely,

Rollo Maughfling

Stonehenge Officer,

Council of British Druid Orders.

P.S. We also draw your attention to our letter to Mr. Ridal of Halcrow of 6.11.09 in respect of keeping Byway 12 open at the times of the solstices and equinoxes, for ongoing religious observances.

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