

**English Heritage Trust (EHT) response to Examining Authority's (ExA's) Questions
2nd May 2019**

ExQI	Question to:	Question:	EHT response:
SE.1.8	Applicant National Trust English Heritage Historic England	<p>Socio-economic effects</p> <p>What consideration has there been in respect of the status of the site as a WHS, the economic value this brings to the area, and the degree of risks the works as currently proposed have to the future status of the site as a WHS?</p>	<p>Historic England provides advice to UK Government on its obligations relating to world heritage. These are set out under the 1972 World Heritage Convention. Historic England works closely with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), which acts as the UK 'State Party' to the Convention. This work helps DCMS to meet its international obligations to identify, protect, preserve, promote and transmit the Outstanding Universal Value of World Heritage Sites in England for the benefit of this and future generations. DCMS as the State Party and Historic England as their advisor will be able to answer this question most effectively.</p> <p>EHT has highlighted in its Written Representation the risk the construction phase poses to people's enjoyment of the WHS specifically those coming to the Stonehenge monument which is the most visited part of the WHS.</p> <p>The iconic nature and uniqueness of Stonehenge (recognised through WHS status) drives 1.5million</p>

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			<p>visitors to the EHT visitor centre and monument each year. It is the most popular heritage attraction in England outside of London and plays a crucial role in driving tourism to Wiltshire and the South West in particular. EHT is also a large employer within the WHS with over 150 employees, 150 volunteers and a significant number of contract staff employed through third parties.</p> <p>EHT considers the scheme has the potential to transform the Stonehenge part of the World Heritage Site and make significant improvements to the setting of the Stonehenge monument (which is one of the WHS's attributes of OUV) and people's experience of them, provided it is well designed and located sensitively.</p>
CH.1.49	Applicant Any other parties	<p>Para 1.2.3 (See also paras 1.2.5, 1.3.1, and 1.5.1)</p> <p>This para tells us that the DAMS will be developed in consultation with the HMAG, comprising Historic England, WCAS, the National Trust, and English Heritage. Elsewhere in the ES (See OAMS para 1.2.7, etc.), it is noted that the development and operation of the DAMS and subsequent documents will be carried out in agreement with these parties.</p>	<p>EHT have been part of HMAG since its formation and so has been able to comment and provide advice on the initial drafts of the Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (DAMS) and the Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation (OWSI). EHT require Highways England to confirm that this will be the case during the lifetime of the scheme through a provision in the dDCO.</p>

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		The matter of agreement is a significant concern, which should be secured in the DCO.	
DCO.I.95	Applicant	<p>Requirement 4 – Outline Environmental Management Plan</p> <p>The OEMP, Table 3.2b (D-LAN2), provides a commitment that the provision of fencing and surfacing within the WHS shall be developed in consultation with the National Trust, Historic England, English Heritage, and Wiltshire Council and approved by The Authority.</p> <p>Should this be the subject of a specific Requirement in the dDCO?</p>	Please see EHT Written Rep as seeking a specific requirement in the dDCO.
SE.I.37	Applicant National Trust Historic England	<p>Socio-economic effects</p> <p>If the scheme is completed, it is argued that the WHS will become more attractive, reuniting the historic landscape currently divided by the A303.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Have any plans been prepared to cater for this? ii. How would this be managed to continue to safeguard the future of the WHS? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Have any plans been prepared to cater for this [a more attractive WHS]? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHT does not have specific plans for their visitor offer if the WHS is reunited. • EHT is a major stakeholder in the World Heritage site and a signatory of the WHS Management Plan (WHSMP). • The WHSMP sets a vision for the future which we fully support and work to achieve. • The scheme offers the opportunity to achieve many of the existing actions within the WHSMP.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WHS Co-ordination Unit has recently received funding to develop three new strategies for Landscape Access, Sustainable Transport and Tourism strategy. EHT sits on the board steering this work and we believe these strategies will form the basis of our thinking regarding how to work in partnership to utilise future opportunities for the WHS to offer a joined up approach for visitors accessing the wider WHS as well as the Stonehenge monument. • EHT has recently completed a piece of work looking at our future strategy at Stonehenge. This work was focused prioritising how we invest in our assets to ensure we continue to offer a world class welcome (e.g. fixtures and fittings refresh). Much of this work will be complete before the scheme is operational. <p>iii. How would this be managed to continue to safeguard the future of the WHS?</p> <p>It is difficult to know how the WHS site will need to be managed in the future until the work (mentioned</p>

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			above) is complete. However, EHT has a great deal of conservation knowledge and expertise and we are confident that we will be able to respond accordingly to new challenges. The basis of our work is balancing the needs of safeguarding our heritage whilst facilitating access to sensitive areas most notably at Stonehenge where we manage high visitor volumes.
Special category land – land owned by the National Trust			
HW.I.14	Applicant	<p>Equalities Duty</p> <p>A significant number of RR express concern in respect of the loss of the view of the Stones from the A303 and the impact this would have on their enjoyment of the area. They go on to suggest that this would prevent a view of the stones without having to pay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Is this correct? <p>In light the duty to consider Human Rights and to comply with the Equalities Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. How has the loss of the view of the Stones been taken into account? iii. How have the impacts the people perceive this would have on their wellbeing been taken into account? iv. How have the impacts on the the 	<p>There are various permissive and PROW routes within the WHS where people can get a view of Stonehenge. EHT actively promotes free access to National Trust open permissive land in the northern section of the Stonehenge WHS which provides excellent views.</p> <p>EHT also offers free access to the Stonehenge visitor centre and monument field to Local Residents through our Local Residents Pass. This pass is available for all those who live in The Town Council of Amesbury; the Parish Councils of Bulford, Figcheldean, Durrington, Durnford, Woodford, Winterbourne Stoke, Shrewton, Orcheston, Tilshead, Winterbourne, Idmiston, Allington, Newton Toney, Netheravon; and the Parish Meetings of Milston, Wilsford-cum-Lake, and Cholderton. Today, passes for free access are supplied</p>

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		<p>Outstanding Universal Value accredited to the site been taken into account?</p>	<p>by Amesbury library on production of suitable identification confirming their eligibility.</p> <p>EHT also offers managed open access to Stonehenge free of charge four times a year at summer and winter solstice and spring and autumn equinox.</p> <p>EHT offers free entry to all education groups through our Education Visits Scheme and we welcome over 60,000 children and young people through this scheme every year.</p> <p>5 million National Trust members and 1 million English Heritage members also get free entry to the EHT visitor centre and stones.</p>
SE.I.16	Applicant	<p>Socio-economic effects</p> <p>A significant number of RRs refer to the loss of view of the Stones which they perceive would prevent the stones being viewed without having to pay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Is this correct? ii. In the event this is correct, what regard have you had for low income groups being able to view the Stones? 	See EHT comments in relation to Question HW.I.14

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		iii. What implications would this have for the broader tourism industry in the locality?	
ES Appendix 6.1: Heritage Impact Assessment			
CH.1.30	Applicant HMAG	<p>Paras 3.6.7-12: HMAG and the Scientific Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Have HMAG's recommendations been incorporated in the Scheme? ii. Do HMAG have misgivings over any aspects of the Scheme? iii. Would HMAG and WCAS be able to contribute to the examination as groups, perhaps at hearings or preparing statements of common ground with the Applicant? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. As a member of HMAG, a representative of EHT has reviewed and commented on all the archaeological evaluation reports since 2015. This includes the most recent summary reports on the Eastern Portal, the Western Portal, Rolleston Corner, and the Detailed Archaeological Mitigation strategy (DAMS) which includes the Overarching Written Scheme of Investigation (OWSI). ii. Please see EHT Written Representation for our views on the scheme. iii. Due to the different roles of each organisation represented on HMAG – some of which are statutory – we are participating in the examination as individual and independent organisations.
ES Additional Submission 2: Document clarifying the relationship between the archaeological mitigation strategy documents			
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CH.1.54	HMAG	Mitigation measures Please comment on the detailed mitigation measures proposed in the OAMS.	See above EHT as part of HMAG has commented on and approved the final version of the DAMS.