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Additional Joint Comment from Cyclist Representatives to SoS Consultation (Re: TR010025-001962-200716 & TR010025-001992-200820, and links to TR010025-001978, TR010025-001960, & TR010025-001961) - UPFOLD 20018352, ANLEZARK 20019632 & COLES 200118007

The SoS's letters dated 16 July 2020 and 20 August 2020 refer to a recent archaeological find as described in "Gaffney, V. et al. 2020 A Massive, Late Neolithic Pit Structure associated with Durrington Walls Henge, Internet Archaeology 55. <https://doi.org/10.11141/ia.55.4>", and invites comments.

We as a group of local cycling representatives wish to make the following additional points:

These new archaeological discoveries centred on Durrington Walls, which are located some distance away from the principle Stonehenge monument, are likely to make the wider World Heritage Site more popular. Improved access to and between them by sustainable low carbon transport modes, which non-motorised users (NMUs) such as cyclists provide, should where possible be facilitated by the scheme.

As has been demonstrated across the UK during the COVID-19 pandemic there is much suppressed demand for cycling. With the proposed reduction in severance significant increases in cycle and other NMU traffic throughout and beyond the scheme boundary should be anticipated, and so there is a requirement for safe high quality cycling facilities to meet the needs of all cyclists (alongside other suitable provision for all other NMUs). These should be delivered by both the scheme itself, and through other local area transport improvements which should 'dovetail' with the scheme.

Any on road cycle provision within the scheme should not be to the detriment of all the existing proposed new and improved facilities throughout the scheme, especially the requirement for a high quality bound surface that any type of cyclist (including road/time trial bikes) can use with safety and comfort, at any time of day or year.

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