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Subject: Request for final Comments on Representations Received in Response to the Secretary of State"s

Consultation Letter of 16 July 2020.

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Recent Archaeological finds within the World Heritage Site.

Council of British Druid Orders.

In conjunction with the statement by senior druid King Arthur Pendragon, the Council of British Druid Orders wish it to be taken into consideration that new archaeological finds are already, as in the case of the Wilsford shaft, appearing along the western end of the proposed route.

This only serves to highlight the fact that the western tunnel portal appears slap bang in the middle of the Stonehenge bowl archaeologically sensitive area, but a stone's throw from the monument of Stonehenge itself.

This monstrous intrusion into the 5-10,000 year old prehistoric landscape, i.e. the western tunnel portal, visually and audibly impinging on the ancient sanctity of the Stonehenge landscape, which would be mitigated by the long bore tunnel, aptly illustrates the point.

That it is not just the unique and prestigious archaeology of the world heritage site that needs to be preserved, along with what future archaeology may yet be brought to light, but also it is the visual intrusion of the 21st century, which needs to be eliminated.

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