

The Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Management Plan Consultation Document

I am writing to inform you that the Council is publishing the above document for public consultation.

The Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site (WHS) Management Plan provides a long term strategy to protect the World Heritage Site for present and future generations. The WHS is globally important for its unique and dense concentration of outstanding prehistoric monuments and sites, which together form a landscape without parallel. The primary aim of the Plan is to protect the Site by sustaining its Outstanding Universal Value, and to achieve an appropriate balance with other interests such as tourism, farming, nature conservation, roads and traffic, research, education and the local community.

This plan will cover the period 2015-2021. It sets out the significance of the WHS and how the areas of planning policy, conservation, roads and transport, interpretation, learning and community engagement and research will be managed by the WHS partners.

The consultation draft has been prepared following substantial engagement with stakeholders living and working in both parts of the WHS during 2012 and 2013. The public consultation process gives an opportunity to a wider range of people to review the Plan and ensure that it addresses the key issues which impact upon the WHS and that the aims, policies and actions, as set out, address these issues.

The consultation is to start on 8 December 2014 and continue for a 12 week period until Sunday 1 March 2015.

Hard copies of the consultation documents can be found at all Wiltshire Council libraries and also in the main council offices at:

County Hall, Trowbridge
Snuff Street, Devizes
27 – 29 Milford Street, Salisbury
Monkton Park Offices, Chippenham

Following the public consultation the final version of the Management Plan will be submitted to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and then to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

How to respond:

Comments can be submitted to the council on line via the council's [online consultation portal](#) and following the link to the survey or in writing to:

The WHS Coordination Unit, Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, Cocklebury Road,
Chippenham, SN15 3QN

Or emailed to:

stonehengeandaveburywhs@wiltshire.gov.uk

Written comments must be received by 12noon on Monday 2 March 2015.

For further information about the consultation on the Stonehenge and Avebury WHS Management Plan 2015 please contact the WHS Coordination Unit on 01225 718 470 or by email at stonehengeandaveburywhs@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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