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Mr A Williamson
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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your emails dated 23 October 2016. There have obviously been misunderstandings here, which illustrates quite clearly why an accurate written request for permission is so important. Under the terms of the lease, the Parish Council as lease holders are required to submit a request in writing to the National Trust as landowner. Unfortunately, this did not happen in this instance, and this has resulted in a structure being installed without our agreement in a location that is not appropriate.

While I recognise that Hilary Makins passed to the Sportsfield Association details of a contractor we have used in the past, this does not of course constitute written permission for a sign to be erected on our land. And while Eva Stuetzenberger commented on the appearance of the sign after it was in place, she would not have known that formal consent had not been obtained.

As a member of the Steering Committee you will be aware that we have been working hard to reduce the impact of signage across the World Heritage Site, including in and around the National Trust car park. The sportsfield sign is disproportionately larger than the old sign it replaces, and has been put in an archaeologically sensitive position that impacts on the view of the Henge from the public footpath.

All things considered, I can only reiterate that the sign should be removed (and an archaeological brief undertaken) without further delay. Once it has been removed, I will of course be happy to meet on site to discuss alternative locations.

Yours sincerely,

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