

Context Information



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



Stonehenge, Avebury
and Associated Sites
inscribed on the World
Heritage List in 1986

The Attributes of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV)

1. Stonehenge itself as a globally famous and iconic monument.
2. The physical remains of the Neolithic and Bronze Age funerary and ceremonial monuments and associated sites.
3. The siting of Neolithic and Bronze Age funerary and ceremonial sites and monuments in the landscape.
4. The design of Neolithic and Bronze Age funerary and ceremonial sites and monuments in relation to the skies and astronomy.
5. The siting of Neolithic and Bronze Age funerary and ceremonial sites and monuments in relation to each other.
6. The disposition, physical remains and settings of the key Neolithic and Bronze Age funerary, ceremonial and other monuments and sites of the period, which together form a landscape without parallel.
7. The influence of the remains of Neolithic and Bronze Age funerary and ceremonial monuments

WHS Management Plan 2015

Objectives

1. To significantly reduce the dominance and impact of roads and traffic on the WHS and to enhance its integrity and attributes of OUV.
2. To prevent damage to monuments, below ground archaeology and their settings by roads, traffic and highways infrastructure.
3. To diminish negative impacts of traffic and parking on the village and amenity of residents.
4. To encourage the provision and use of sustainable transport to access the WHS and travel between Stonehenge and Avebury.
5. To remove highways related obstacles.
6. To ensure future development is specifically assessed for traffic and parking implications on the WHS and its attributes of OUV.

Avebury WHS Transport Strategy 2015

Core Design Principles

Transport and access projects in the WHS should:

- Safeguard and enhance the WHS and sustain its OUV;
- Create a distinctive sense of place that reflects the special character and landscape of the WHS
- Promote tranquillity throughout the landscape
- Conserve and enhance the visual and physical relationships between the monuments and sites;
- Maintain the rural nature of the landscape;
- Reflect the character of the settlements;
- Minimise ground disturbance and damage to buried archaeology;
- Support communities living within the WHS;
- Support appropriate access for all, sensitive to the conservation of the WHS and its attributes of OUV; and
- Allow safe and comfortable movement of all users around and through the WHS.