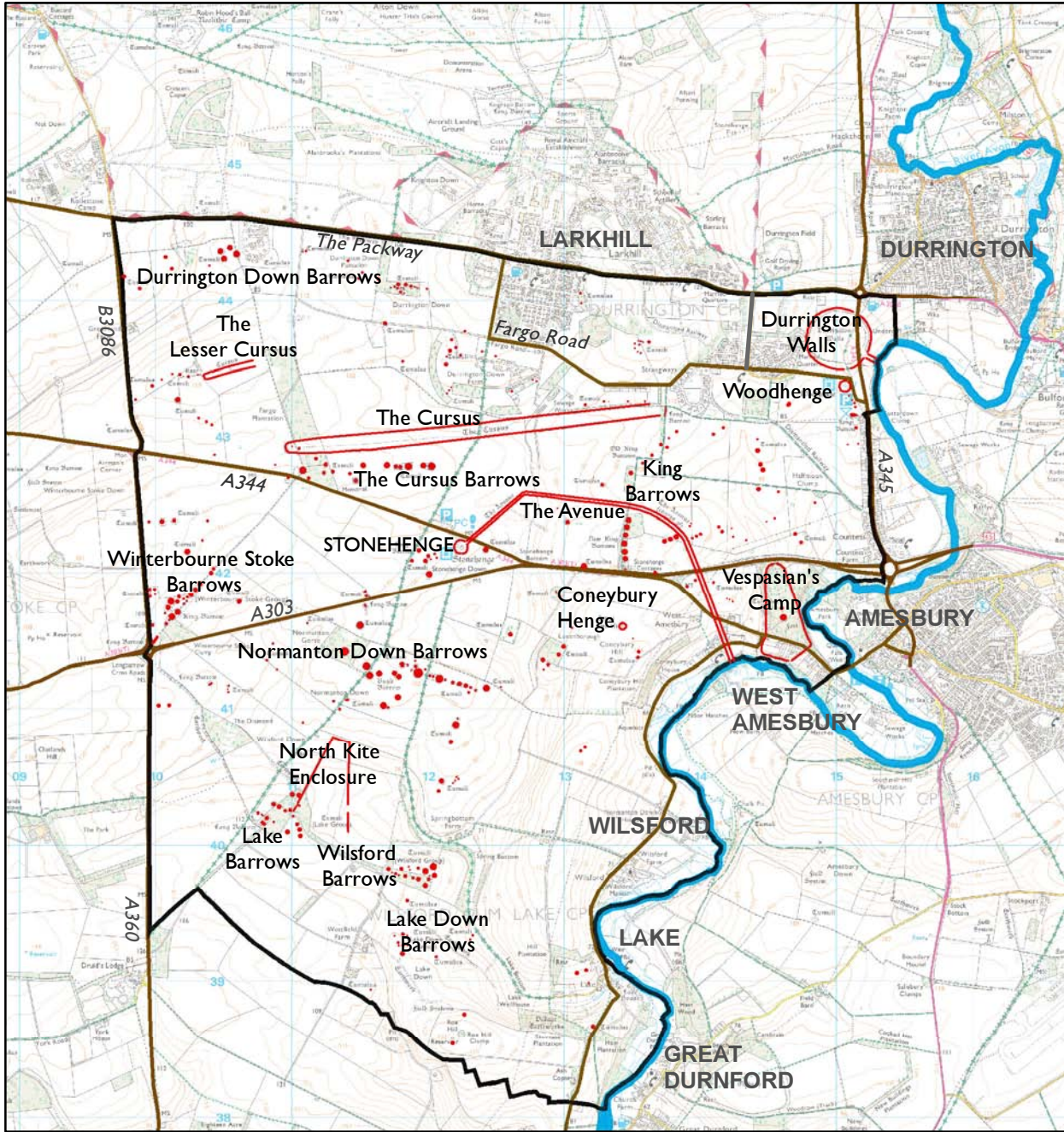





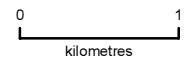
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One of the Stonehenge trilithons
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Map I: The Stonehenge World Heritage Site



-  Stonehenge World Heritage Site
-  Main Archaeological Monuments
-  Roads
-  River Avon

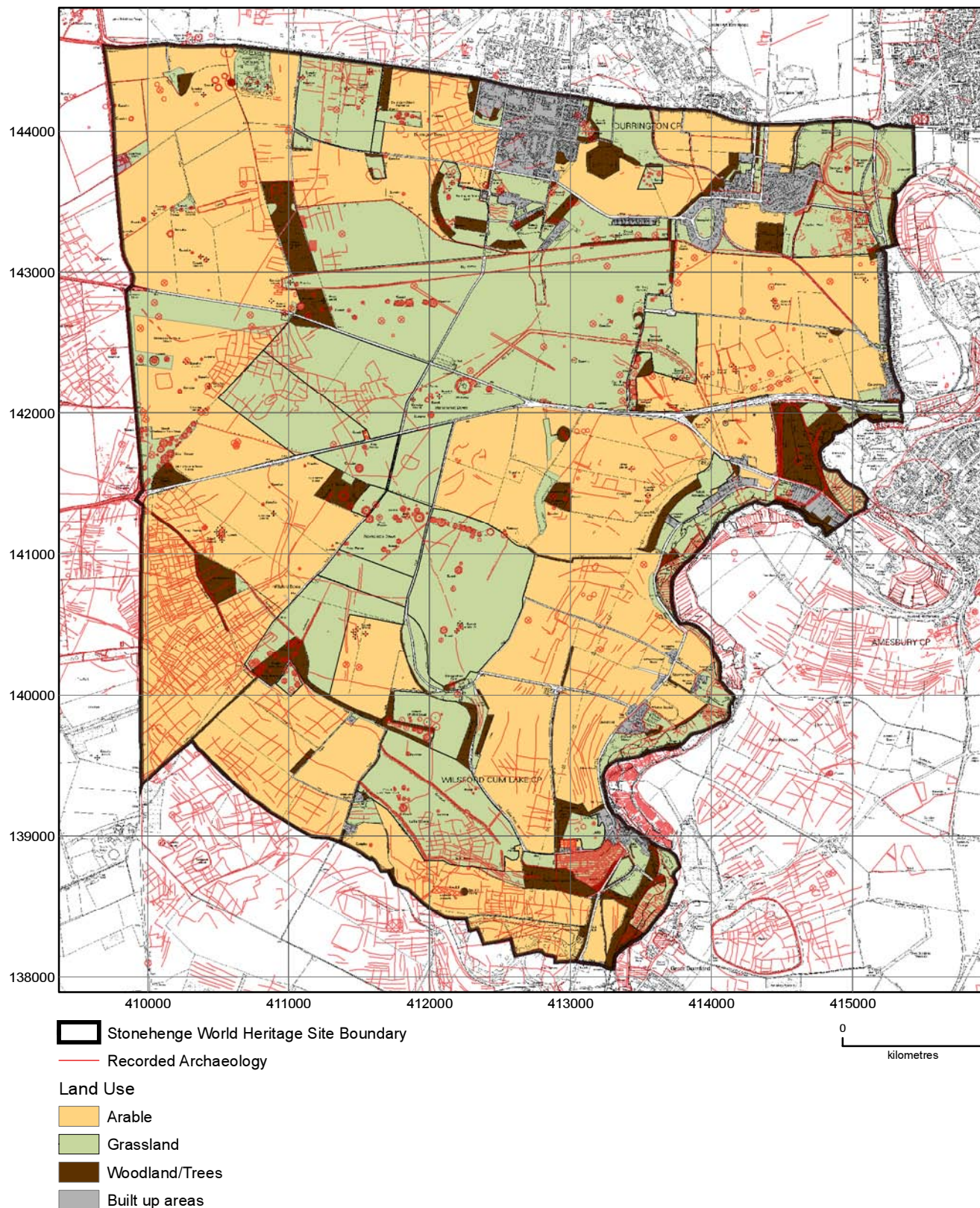


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Map 2: Archaeology and Land Use

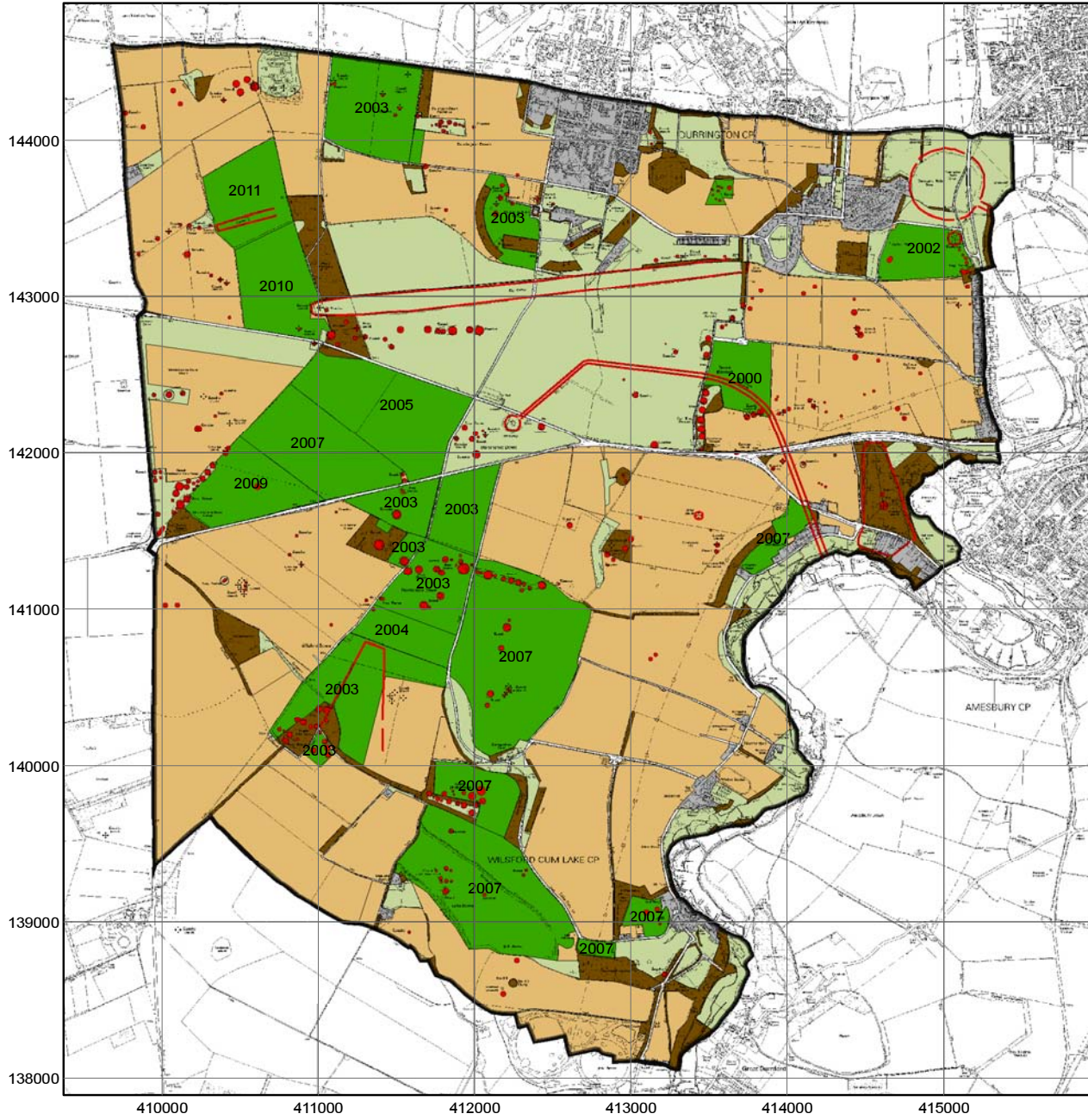


Source: Land use based on information from landowners and Stonehenge WHS Coordinator (2008) updating the Stonehenge condition survey (2003) and the land use map from the 2000 Management Plan. Recorded archaeology based on Wiltshire County Council Sites and Monuments Record.

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Map 3: Grass Restoration since 2000



Stonehenge World Heritage Site Boundary

Main Archaeological Monuments

Grass Restoration

- Grassland at 2000
- Grass restoration since 2000 and starting date of stewardship agreements

Land Use

- Arable
- Woodland/Trees
- Built up areas

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The areas indicated in bright green have been or will be reverted to grass in the period 2000-2012, as part of the stewardship agreements signed since 2002 and the National Trust trial carried out in 2000.

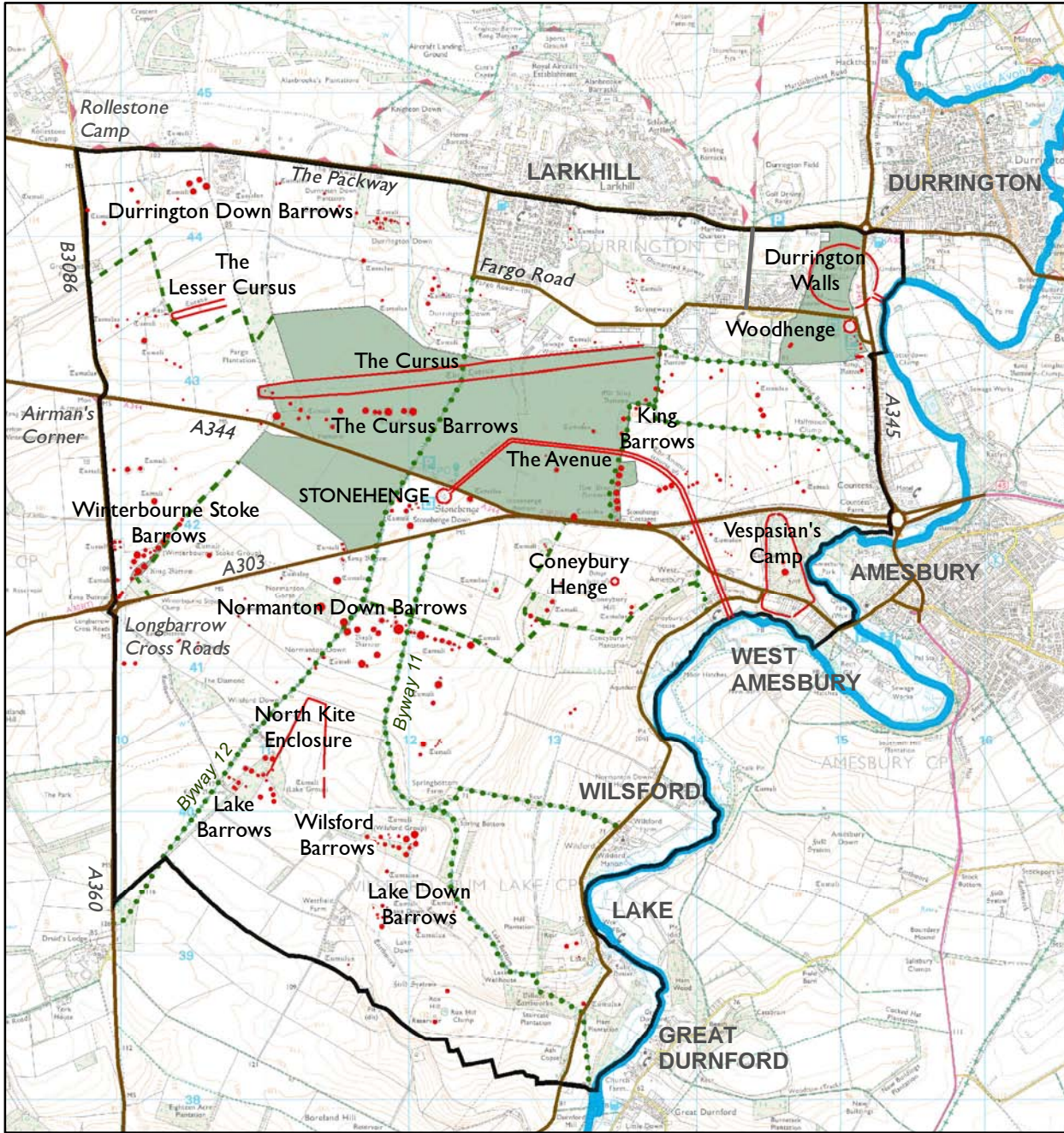
This represents a major positive change in the landscape as the agreements signed to date will return 520 hectares of arable land to pasture (about 20% of the World Heritage Site). Altogether, 105 prehistoric monuments will be protected from plough damage and benefit from an improved setting. The extension of grassland will also enhance the ecological value of the area.

Source: Grass restoration based on review of Natural England stewardship agreements by Stonehenge WHS Coordinator (2008). Land use based on information from landowners and Stonehenge WHS Coordinator (2008) updating the Stonehenge condition survey (2003) and the land use map from the 2000 Management Plan. Main archaeological monuments based on scheduled monuments from the English Heritage Stonehenge GIS.

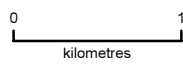
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Map 4: Access



- Stonehenge World Heritage Site
- Main Archaeological Monuments
- River Avon
- Access**
- Roads
- Rights of Way
- - - National Trust
- - - Permissive Paths
- National Trust Open Access

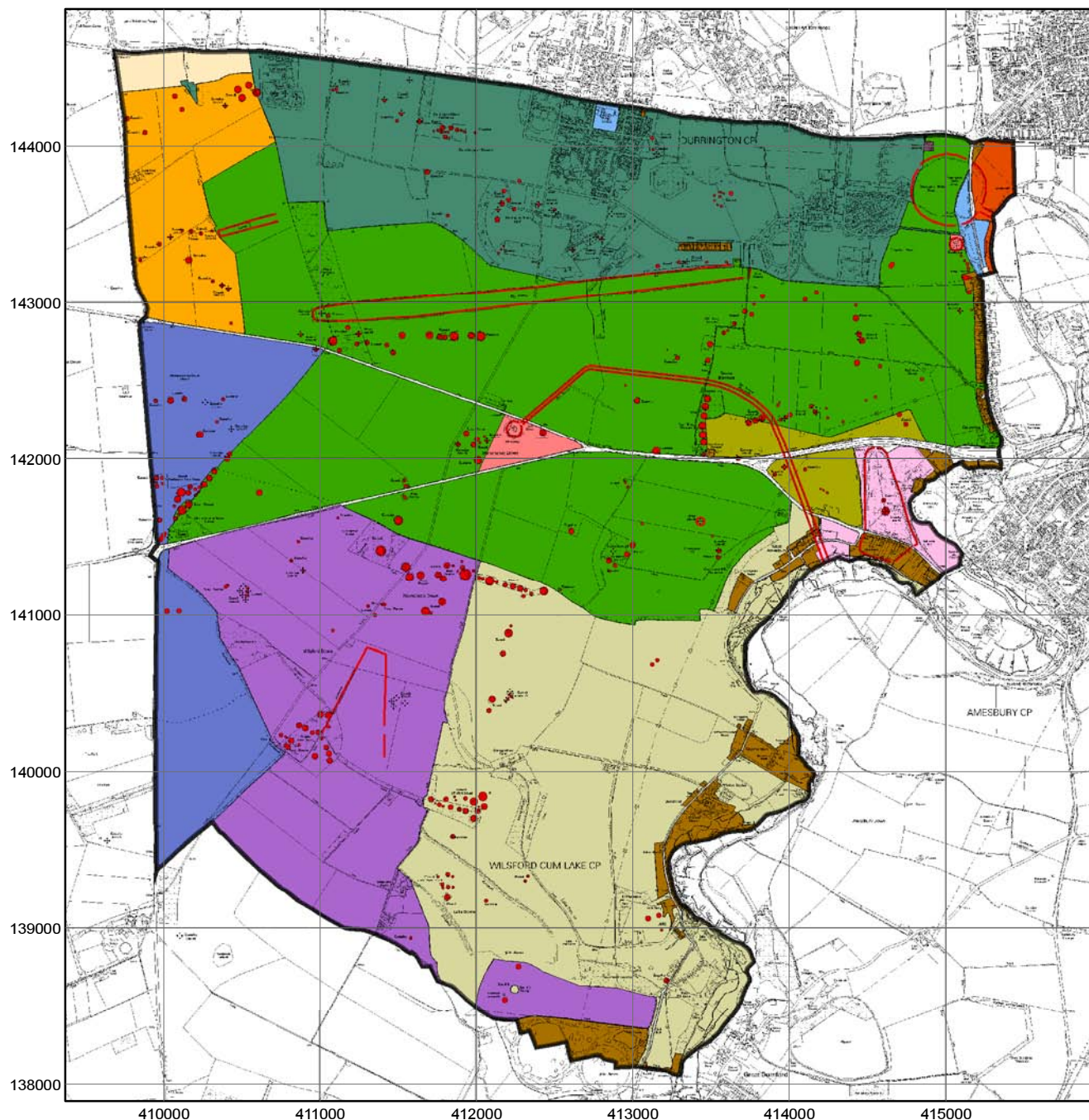


Stonehenge and Woodhenge are in the care of English Heritage and there is free entry to Woodhenge. Many of the other prehistoric monuments are on land owned by the National Trust and open access on foot is permitted in the area shown on the map. The rest of the World Heritage Site is in private ownership and access is restricted to public rights of ways and permissive paths.

Source: Main archaeological monuments based on scheduled monuments from English Heritage GIS. National Trust open access land information and permissive paths supplied by National Trust Stonehenge Estate Office. Other features drawn from OS mapping data.

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Map 5: Land Ownership



Stonehenge World Heritage Site Boundary

Main Archaeological Monuments

Land Ownership

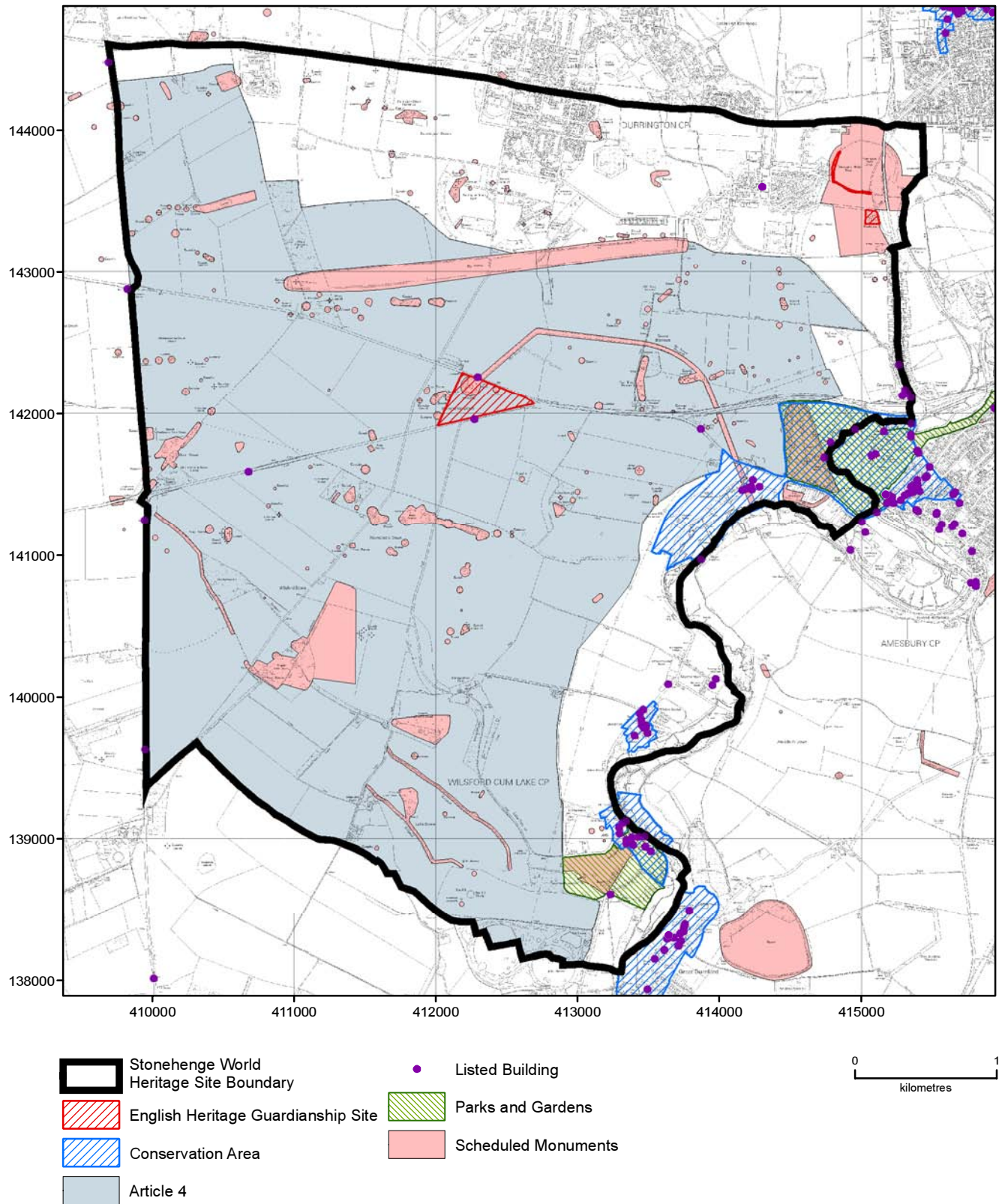
Ablington Farm	DCMS/English Heritage	Mixed Private
Antrobus Estate	Lake Estate	Wessex Water
Boreland Farm	Ministry of Defence	West Amesbury Farms
Bustard Farm	Manor Farm	Wiltshire County Council
Druid's Lodge Estate	National Trust	

Source: Digital data from English Heritage Stonehenge GIS. Main archaeological monuments based on scheduled monuments from the English Heritage Stonehenge GIS. Land ownership from Land Registry, Ministry of Defence, National Trust and Stonehenge WHS Coordinator, 2008.

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Map 6: Heritage Designations

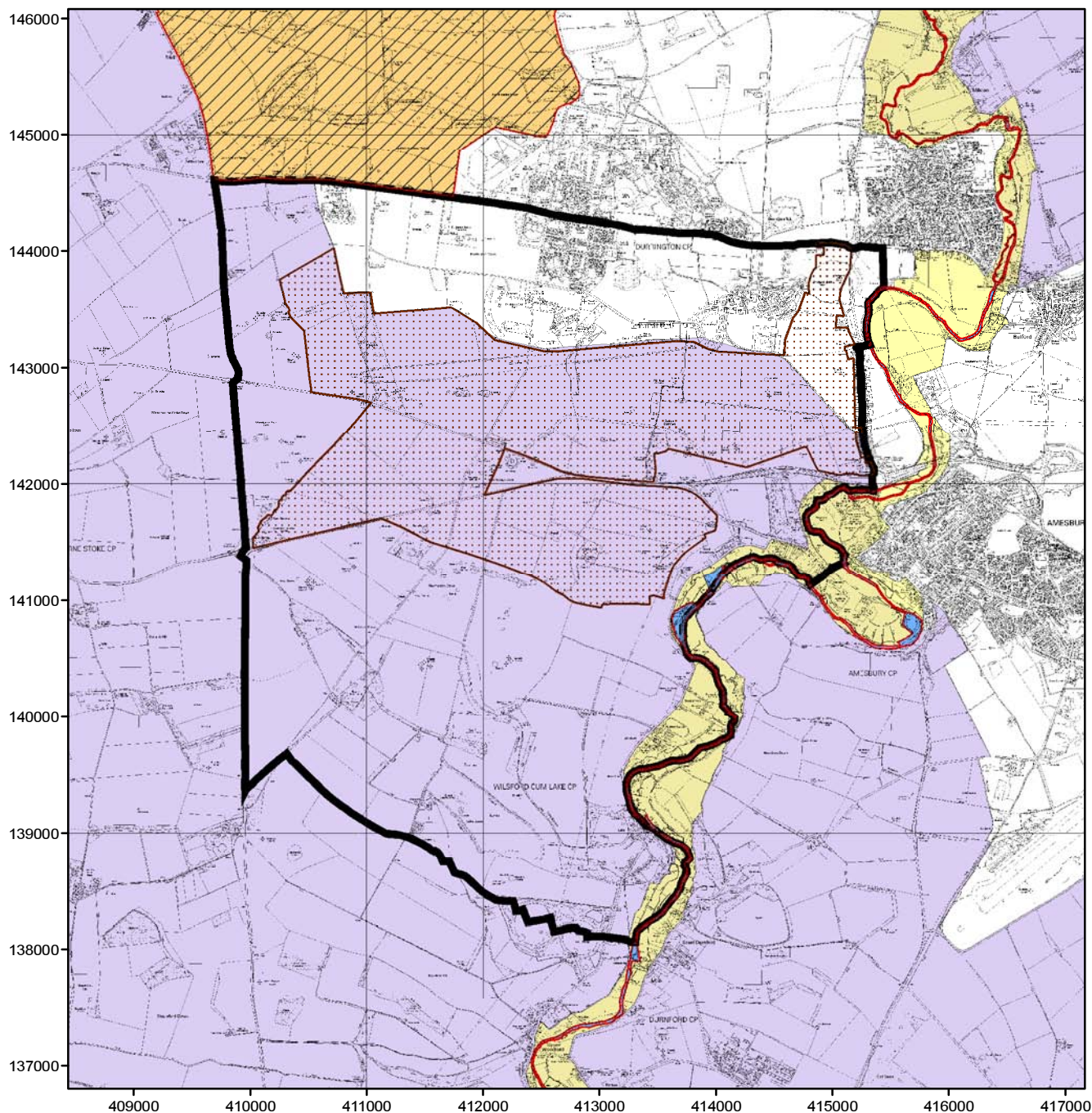










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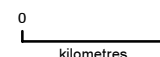
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Map 7: Landscape and Nature Conservation Designations



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|  Stonehenge WHS Boundary |  Special Protection Area for the protection of rare and vulnerable birds (SPA) |
|  River Avon SSSI |  National Trust Inalienable Land |
|  Salisbury Plain SSSI |  Avon Valley Environmentally Sensitive Area |
|  Special Area of Conservation (SAC) |  Special Landscape Area |

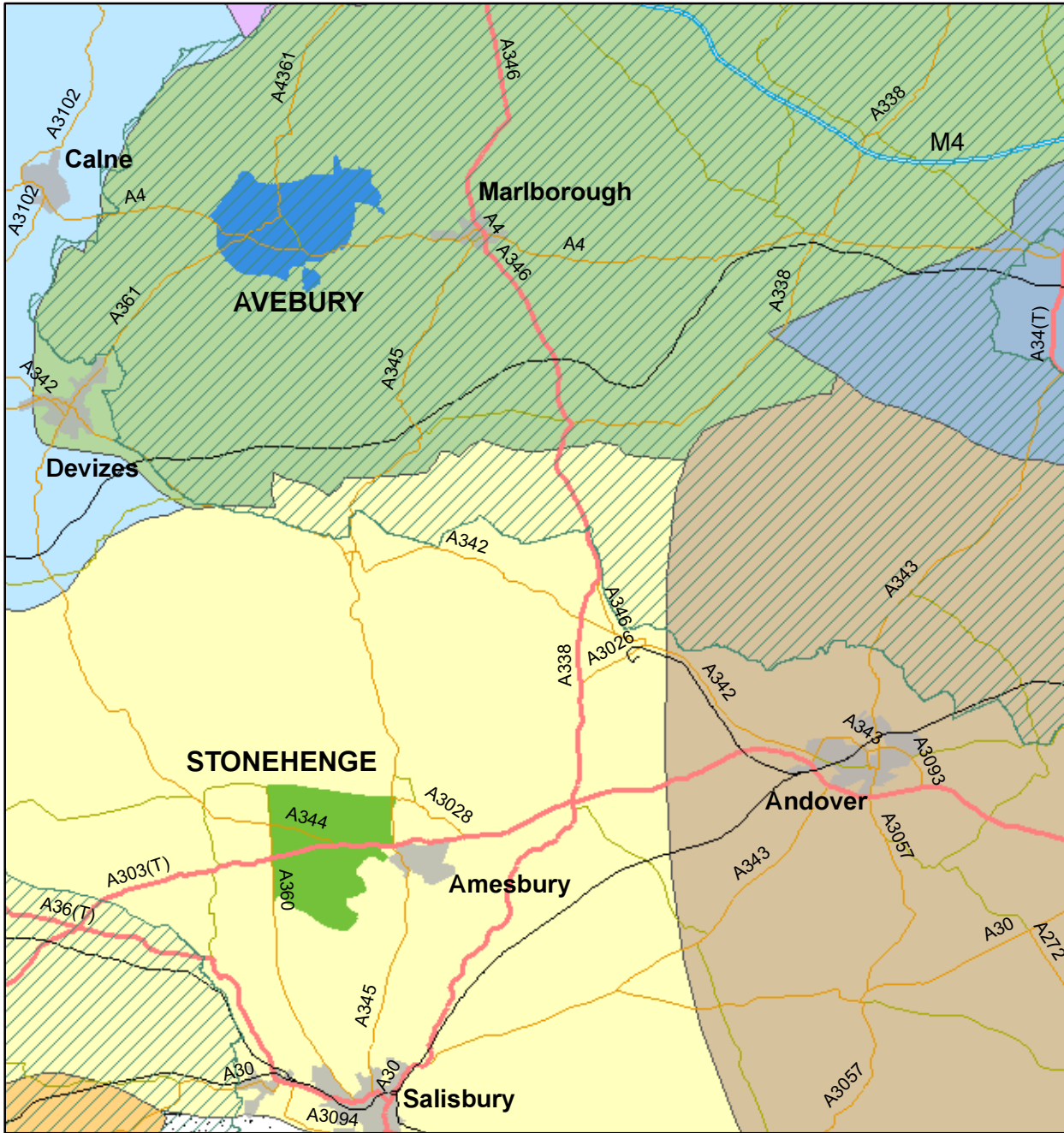


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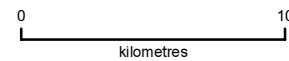
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Map 8: Regional Landscape Context



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| Avebury WHS Boundary | Regional Character Areas |
| Stonehenge WHS Boundary | Avon Vale |
| Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty | Berkshire and Marlborough Downs |
| Built up Areas | Blackmoor Vale and the Vale of Wardour |
| Transport | Hampshire Downs |
| Motorways | Midvale Ridge |
| Primary Roads | Salisbury Plain and West Wiltshire Downs |
| A Roads | Thames Basin Heaths |
| B Roads | Upper Thames Clay Vales |
| Railways | |

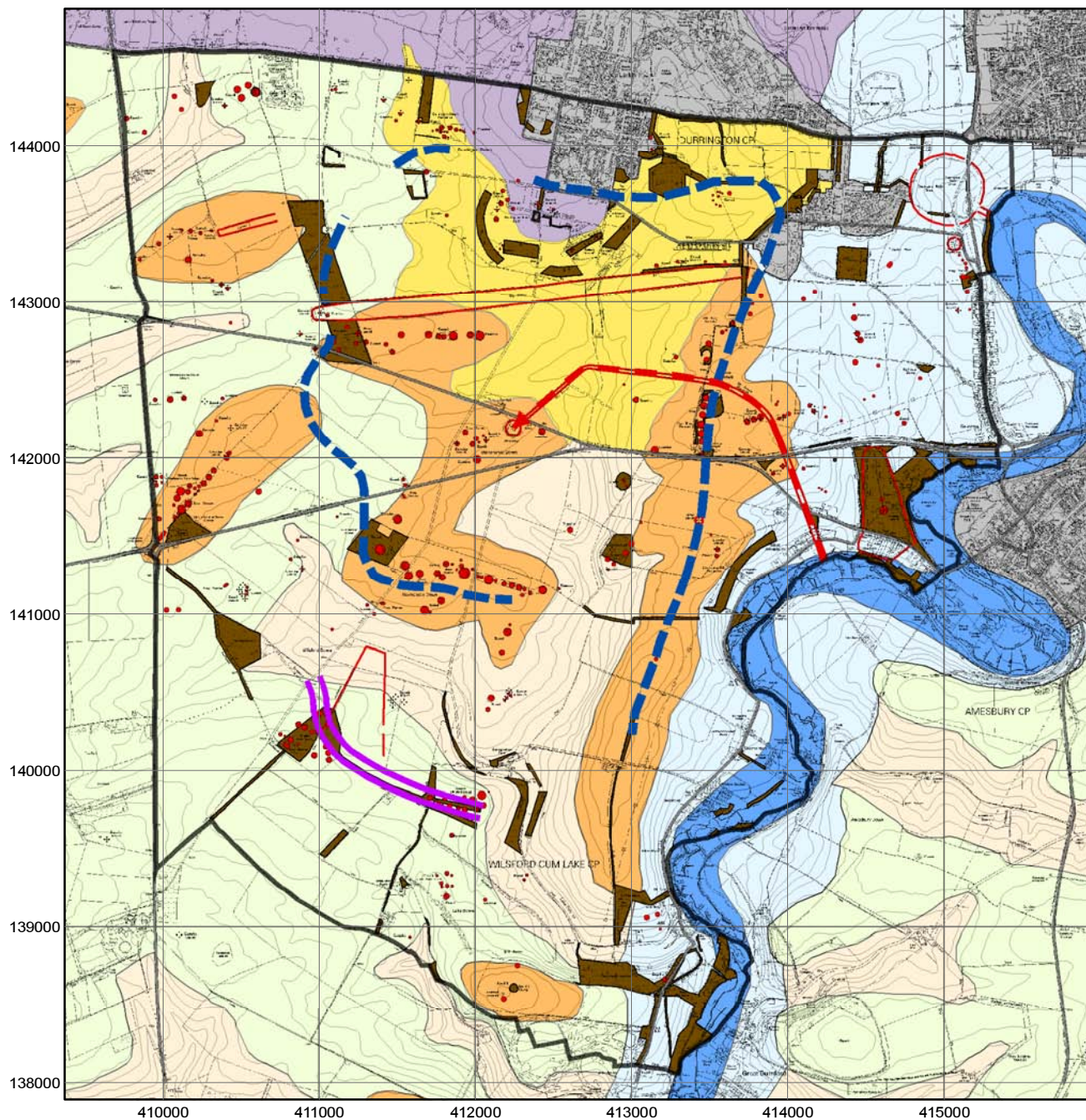


Source: Countryside Commission/English Nature/English Heritage - The Character of England Landscape, Wildlife and Natural Features (1996)

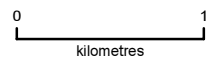
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Map 9: Landscape Character



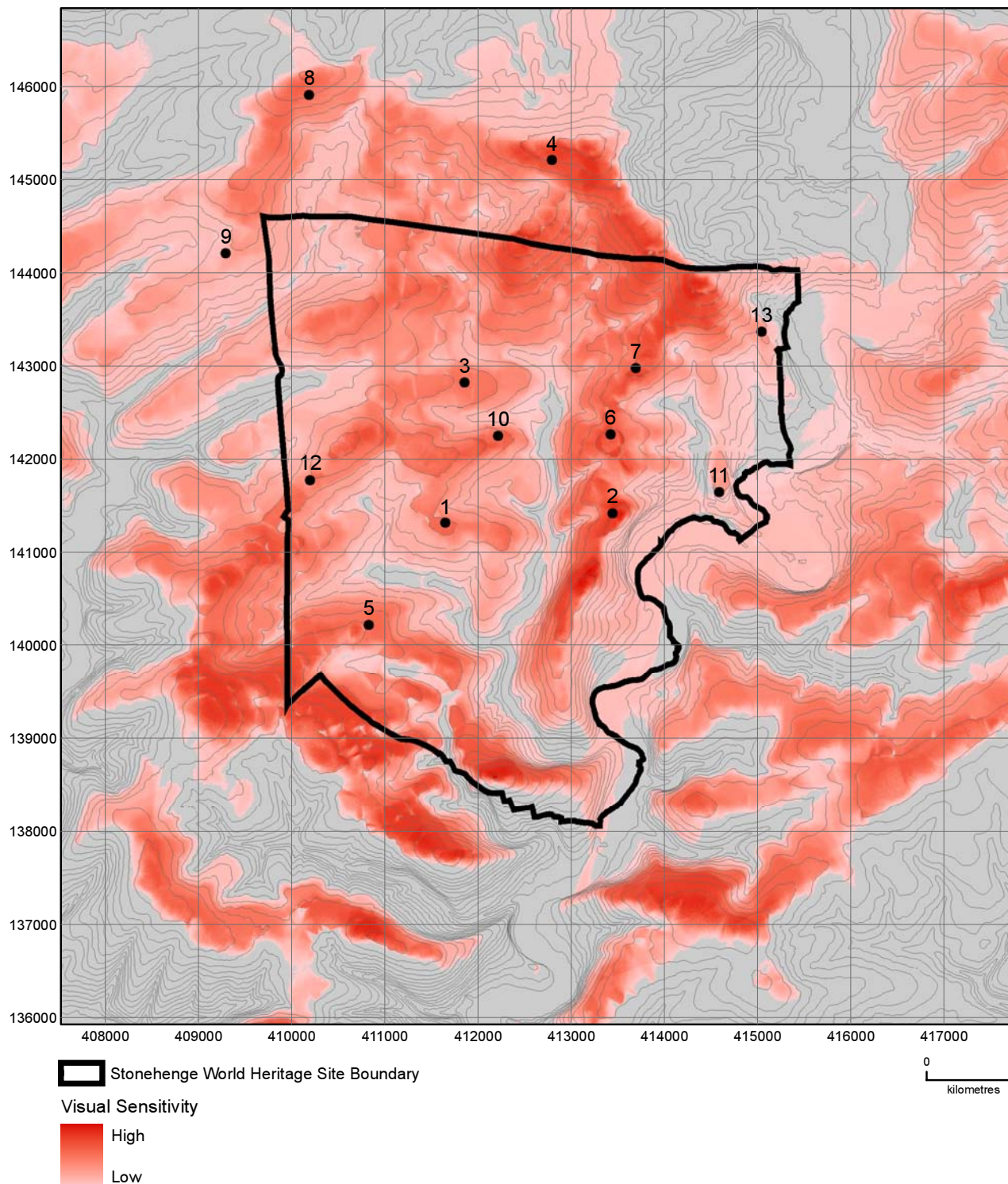
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| Stonehenge World Heritage Site Boundary | Landscape Types |
| Woodland/Trees | Downland Landscapes |
| Urban Areas | Dry River Valleys |
| Ridgelines and Horizons Visually Enclosing the Stones | Upper Stonehenge Dry Valley |
| Other Prominent Ridgeline | Agricultural Downland |
| 'Ceremonial' Approach to Stonehenge via the Avenue | Downland Ridgelines |
| Main Archaeological Monuments | Unimproved Downland/Military Training |
| | Avon Valley Landscape |
| | Water Meadows & Floodplain |
| | River Valley Slopes |



Source: Landscape types provided by Stonehenge WHS Landscape and Planning Study (Land Use Consultants, 1995)
 Main archaeological monuments based on scheduled monuments from the English Heritage Stonehenge GIS
 Other digital data from English Heritage Stonehenge GIS

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Map 10: Visual Sensitivity



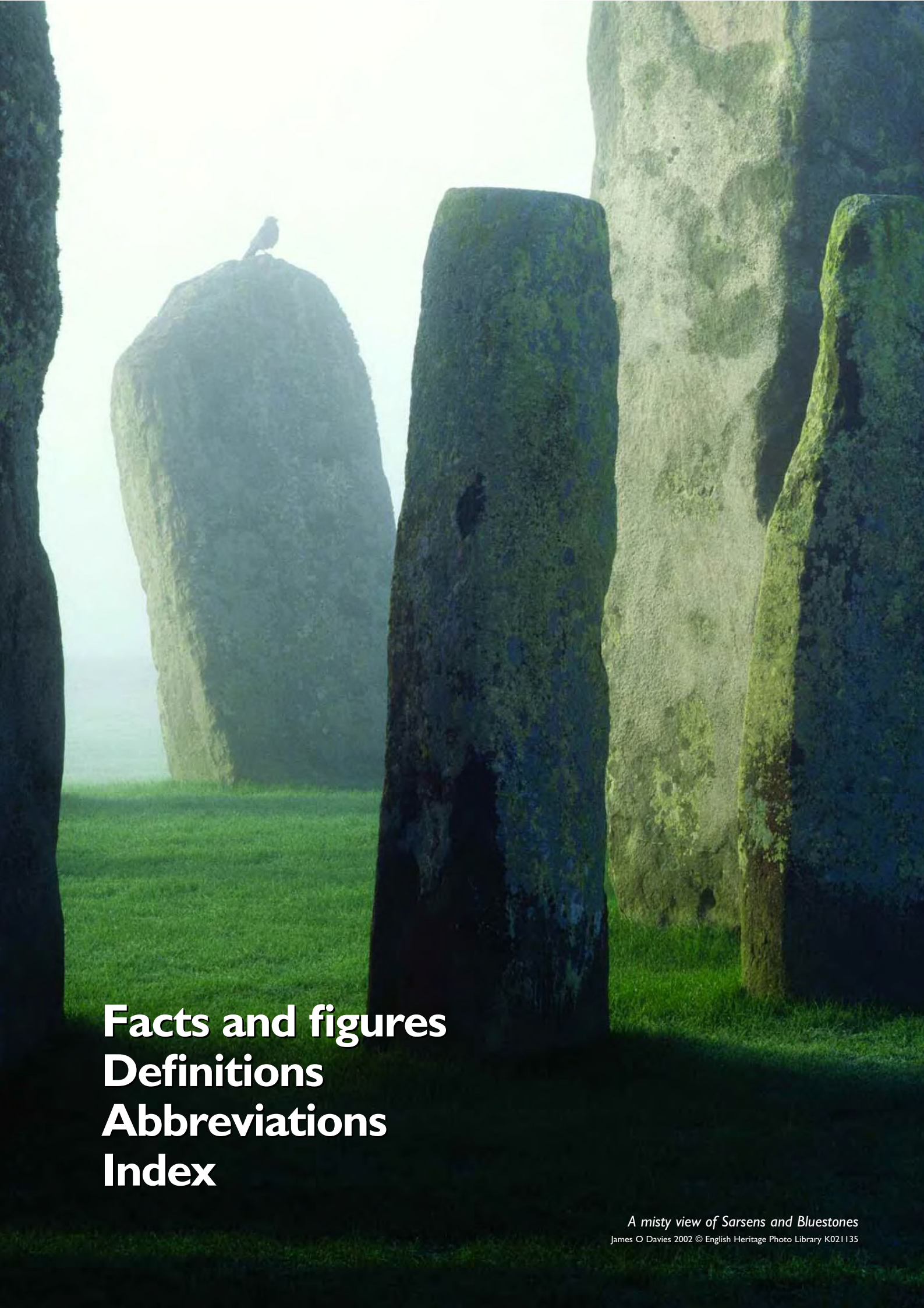
Using contour data, a Digital Elevation Model (DEM) of the landscape has been calculated. This model can tell us the height of the land at any point and can be used to calculate the area of the land which can be seen from a location. These 'viewsheds' have been calculated for thirteen sites, chosen for their archaeological and landscape significance:

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| 1 Normanton Down Barrow Group | 6 New Kings Barrow Group | 11 Vespasian's Camp |
| 2 Coneybury Hill | 7 Old Kings Barrow Group | 12 Winterbourne Stoke Group |
| 3 Cursus Barrow Ridge | 8 Robin Hood's Ball | 13 Woodhenge |
| 4 Durrington Barrow Group | 9 Rollestone Camp Tumuli | |
| 5 Lake Barrow group | 10 Stonehenge | |

The results have been added together to create a composite visibility map. The shading gives an indication of the visual sensitivity of the landscape; darker patches show those areas which can be seen from many of these key locations and which are therefore particularly sensitive to inappropriate change.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

ARCHAEOLOGY

Stonehenge (c. 3,000-1,600 BC)

- 1st phase – earth monument – circular bank and ditch (c. 3,000 BC).
- 2nd phase – timber monument (c. 2,900 to 2,600 BC).
- 3rd phase – stone monuments (c. 2,500 to 2,000 BC) – bluestones and larger sarsens re-arranged in several phases. Abandoned after 1,600 BC.
- The tallest stone is 7.3m high and weighs over 45 tonnes. It is one of the 5 sarsen Trilithons. The sarsen circle was originally composed of 30 uprights (each weighing about 25 tonnes) capped by horizontal lintels (about 7 tonnes). The bluestones, weighing up to 4 tonnes each, came from the Preseli Hills in Wales, some 240km away.

Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments

- Other key monuments include the Stonehenge Avenue (c. 2,500-1,700 BC and 2.5km long), the Cursus (c. 3,600-3,400 BC and 2.7km long), Woodhenge (c. 2,300 BC), and Durrington Walls (c. 2,500 BC).
- The Stonehenge WHS contains more than 350 prehistoric burial mounds. These include 10 Neolithic long barrows, the rest are Bronze Age round barrows. The key barrow cemeteries are Normanton Down, King Barrows, Cursus Barrows, Winterbourne Stoke, Wilsford and Lake Barrows.
- Altogether, the WHS includes more than 700 known archaeological features (including find spots), of which 415 are protected by scheduling within 180 scheduled areas.

Visitor numbers to Stonehenge

(excluding the Solstice and including free education visits and stone circle access)

1920s	1951	1961	1971	1980	1990	2000	2008
20,000	124,000	337,000	550,000	618,000	687,000	790,000	887,000

(source: English Heritage & Stonehenge Complete)

SIZE AND OWNERSHIP OF THE WHS

- The Stonehenge WHS covers 2,665 hectares (26.6 square km – 6,500 acres). Ownership and management of the WHS is shared between English Heritage, the National Trust, the Ministry of Defence, the RSPB, farmers and householders in Amesbury, Larkhill and the Woodford Valley.
- Stonehenge, Woodhenge and parts of Durrington Walls are owned by the state and managed by English Heritage.
- A large part of the landscape surrounding Stonehenge is owned by the National Trust (827 ha, 31% of the WHS).

GRASS RESTORATION

- In the Stonehenge part of the WHS, 520 hectares of arable land (20% of the WHS) have been signed up for grass restoration between 2000 and 2008, protecting and enhancing the setting of 105 prehistoric monuments.
- This represents a financial commitment from Defra of £2,256,000 over the lifetime of the stewardship agreements (10 years).

STONEHENGE VISITORS AND FACILITIES

- 887,000 visitors to Stonehenge in 2007/08 (excluding the Solstice and including free education visits and stone circle access)
- About 50% are from overseas, 30% are part of a group and 5% are education visitors. More than 70% of the education visitors are from overseas.
- Summer Solstice: 30,000 people in June 2008. After years of problems, Stonehenge reopened in 2000 for the Summer Solstice under strict conditions.
- Existing visitor facilities built in 1968 (extended car park, new café, shop and underpass).
- Access inside the stone circle was stopped in 1978 because of vandalism and erosion due to increasing visitor numbers.

Facts and figures compiled by the Stonehenge WHS Coordinator, November 2008

DEFINITIONS FOR THE STONEHENGE WHS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Term or phrase	Definition	Source
World Heritage Convention	The 1972 UNESCO Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage provides for the identification, protection, presentation and transmission to future generations of cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding universal value (qv)	World Heritage Convention, Article 4 UNESCO World Heritage Centre website
World Heritage Site	World Heritage Sites are recognised as places of Outstanding Universal Value under the terms of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention.	
Site	Where this is used with a capital letter, this term is used as a shorthand for "World Heritage Site".	
Property	Another term for World Heritage Site.	
Outstanding Universal Value	Outstanding Universal Value means cultural and/or natural significance which is so exceptional as to transcend national boundaries and to be of common importance for present and future generations of humanity To be deemed of Outstanding Universal Value, a property must also meet the conditions of integrity and/or authenticity and must have an adequate protection and management system to ensure its safeguarding	Operational Guidelines para 49 Operational Guidelines para 78
Integrity	Integrity is a measure of the wholeness and intactness of the natural and/or cultural heritage and its attributes. Examining the conditions of integrity, therefore requires assessing the extent to which the property: a) includes all elements necessary to express its outstanding universal value; b) is of adequate size to ensure the complete representation of the features and processes which convey the property's significance; c) suffers from adverse effects of development and/or neglect.	Operational Guidelines para 88

Term or phrase	Definition	Source
Authenticity	<p>The ability to understand the value attributed to the heritage depends on the degree to which information sources about this value may be understood as credible or truthful. Knowledge and understanding of these sources of information, in relation to original and subsequent characteristics of the cultural heritage, and their meaning, are the requisite bases for assessing all aspects of authenticity. [Op Gu 80]</p>	Operational Guidelines para 80
Statement of Outstanding Universal Value	<p>Today, these Statements are adopted by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee for all new WHSs at the time of inscription</p> <p>The Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should include a summary of the Committee's determination that the property has outstanding universal value, identifying the criteria under which the property was inscribed, including the assessments of the conditions of integrity or authenticity, and of the requirements for protection and management in force. The Statement of Outstanding Universal Value shall be the basis for the future protection and management of the property</p> <p>At the time of writing (2008) there is no such Statement for Stonehenge and Avebury, as UNESCO methodology for preparing these Statements for older Sites is still under development. (see below for Statement of Significance)</p>	<p>See Operational Guidelines para 154</p> <p>Operational Guidelines para 155</p>
Protection	<p>All properties inscribed on the World Heritage List must have adequate long-term legislative, regulatory, institutional and/or traditional protection and management to ensure their safeguarding. This protection should include adequately delineated boundaries. Similarly States Parties should demonstrate adequate protection at the national, regional, municipal, and/or traditional level for the nominated property.</p> <p>Legislative and regulatory measures at national and local levels should assure the survival of the property and its protection against development and change that might negatively impact the outstanding universal value, or the integrity and/or authenticity of the property</p> <p>The Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites WHS as a whole is protected through the planning system. The complexes of outstanding prehistoric monuments within the landscape without parallel (see Statement of Significance) are protected by designation as scheduled monuments.</p>	<p>Operational Guidelines para 97</p> <p>Operational Guidelines para 98</p> <p>2008 Statement of Significance (see below) Nomination dossier</p>

Term or phrase	Definition	Source
Management System	<p>Each nominated property should have an appropriate management plan or other documented management system which should specify how the outstanding universal value of a property should be preserved, preferably through participatory means.</p> <p>The purpose of a management system is to ensure the effective protection of the nominated property for present and future generations</p> <p>Stonehenge has had an effective Management Plan since 2000</p>	Operational Guidelines
Statement of Significance	<p>At the request of UNESCO, these have been prepared for older Sites where there was no assessment of authenticity and integrity at the time of inscription, so that (as yet) a full Statement of Outstanding Universal Value cannot be prepared. The Statement of Significance should be considered a working tool for the management of the property.</p> <p>A Statement of Significance includes a summary of the Committee's determination that the property has outstanding universal value, identifying the criteria under which the property was inscribed, but does not cover authenticity and integrity since these were not assessed at the time of nomination.</p> <p>There is a Statement of Significance for the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site, agreed by UNESCO in 2008. It is derived from the nomination and evaluation documentation of 1985/6.</p>	<p>Cf WHC 06 30 COM I I A.1</p> <p>Cf Operational Guidelines para 155</p> <p>See Management Plan para 3.3.4</p>
Attribute/ Attributes of Outstanding Universal Value	<p>Attributes are a direct tangible expression of the Outstanding Universal Value of the property</p> <p>At Stonehenge, all these attributes are ultimately derived from the 2008 Statement of Significance and the nomination and evaluation documentation of 1985/6. Taken together, the attributes define the OUV of the Stonehenge WHS.</p>	Cf Operational Guidelines para 100

Term or phrase	Definition	Source
<p>Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site</p>	<p>The Stonehenge, Avebury, and Associated Sites World Heritage property is internationally important for its complexes of outstanding prehistoric monuments.</p> <p>It comprises two areas of chalkland in Southern Britain within which complexes of Neolithic and Bronze Age ceremonial and funerary monuments and associated sites were built. Each area contains a focal stone circle and henge and many other major monuments. At Stonehenge these include the Avenue, the Cursuses, Durrington Walls, Woodhenge, and the densest concentration of burial mounds in Britain. At Avebury, they include Windmill Hill, the West Kennet Long Barrow, the Sanctuary, Silbury Hill, the West Kennet and Beckhampton Avenues, the West Kennet Palisaded Enclosures, and important barrows.</p> <p>The World Heritage property is of Outstanding Universal Value for the following qualities:</p> <p>Stonehenge is one of the most impressive prehistoric megalithic monuments in the world on account of the sheer size of its megaliths, the sophistication of its concentric plan and architectural design, the shaping of the stones, uniquely using both Wiltshire Sarsen sandstone and Pembroke Bluestone, and the precision with which it was built.</p> <p>At Avebury, the massive Henge, containing the largest prehistoric stone circle in the world, and Silbury Hill, the largest prehistoric mound in Europe, demonstrate the outstanding engineering skills which were used to create masterpieces of earthen and megalithic architecture.</p> <p>There is an exceptional survival of prehistoric monuments and sites within the World Heritage site including settlements, burial grounds, and large constructions of earth and stone. Today, together with their settings, they form landscapes without parallel. These complexes would have been of major significance to those who created them, as is apparent by the huge investment of time and effort they represent. They provide an insight into the mortuary and ceremonial practices of the period, and are evidence of prehistoric technology, architecture, and astronomy. The careful siting of monuments in relation to the landscape helps us to further understand the Neolithic and Bronze Age.</p>	<p>WHC 08 Com32 8B 93; this is the first part of the agreed Statement of Significance</p>

Term or phrase	Definition	Source
Associated Sites	See previous entry for description of Stonehenge, Avebury and Associated Sites World Heritage Site, including these	
Remaining sites	This phrase is as set out in the 1985 nomination documentation. Such sites are un-named "Associated Sites" as defined above.	
Associated sites and monuments	This phrase is as set out in the 1985 nomination documentation, and has the same definition as "Associated Sites"	
Sites		
Monuments		
related sites		
associated sites	This phrase is as set out in the 1985 nomination documentation, and has the same definition as "Associated Sites"	
other monuments and sites of the period		
prehistoric monuments and sites within the WHS		
Landscape without parallel	See Statement of Significance above The Statement of Significance makes clear that there are two landscapes without parallel – one at Stonehenge and one at Avebury, both formed of complexes of monuments of the Neolithic and Bronze Age, together with their settings and associated sites.	

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The abbreviations used only in the Action Plan are listed in 15.4.

AHEV	Area of High Environmental Value
ASAS	Area of Special Archaeological Significance
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
CLA	Country Land and Business Association
CSS	Countryside Stewardship Scheme
DCMS	Department for Culture, Media and Sport
Defra	Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
EH	English Heritage
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
FOAM	Friends of Ancient Monuments
GIS	Geographical Information System
HLS	Higher Level Scheme
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
ICOMOS UK	UK national committee of ICOMOS
LDF	Local Development Framework
MOD	Ministry of Defence
MPBW	Ministry of Public Building and Works
NFU	National Farmers Union
NNR	National Nature Reserve
NT	National Trust
NWC	New Wiltshire Council
OUV	Outstanding Universal Value
PPG	Planning Policy Guidance
PPS	Planning Policy Statement
QCA	Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
RPG	Regional Planning Guidance
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RSS	Regional Spatial Strategy
SAC	Special Area of Conservation
SDC	Salisbury District Council
SMR	Sites and Monuments Record
SPA	Special Protection Area
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
SPG	Supplementary Planning Guidance
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
SSWM	Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum
SUSTRANS	(sustainable transport charity)
UKNC	UK National Commission for UNESCO
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
WCC	Wiltshire County Council
WHM	Wiltshire Heritage Museum
WHS	World Heritage Site

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