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Subject: RE: Stonehenge PQ re SOC Report

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your mail. I understand the urgency. We have actually to our surprise already received some e-mails (e.g. between Christopher and Mandy) concerning Bath which must have been released under the Freedom of Information Act. I really wondered if people understand the content not knowing DCMS internal procedures and relations between the State Party and UNESCO, but this is another matter.

As the reports are internal UK reports I cannot see why the UK cannot release them. However what is important with the release is that it is understood that the State Party report constitutes only one element of the process and that it is never a direct transformation into the working document for the Committee (we get more material through the advisory bodies and our system as well) and as a decision basis. So I suggest that with the release the provisions in the Operational Guidelines for the reactive monitoring are provided as well.

I hope this is useful.
Best wishes,
Mechtild

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Importance: High

Dear Mechtild

Thank you for your reply. After careful consideration and discussion with legal advisers, we have agreed to place a copy of the Stonehenge reactive monitoring report in the library of the Houses of Parliament. However, as we expected, we are also under real pressure to make public other UK reactive monitoring reports and today received a request to release the City of Bath report under Freedom of Information legislation. This is going to be difficult to resist and we would be grateful for your urgent advice as to whether the World Heritage Centre is opposed to us releasing the City of Bath or indeed the other UK reactive monitoring reports, and on what grounds. We would need a very sound and defensible reason not to release these documents.

I would be very grateful if you could reply as soon as possible as, under the legislation, we have a very limited time to reply to the request.

Many thanks

Peter

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Dear Peter,

The Centre has not changed its position – it is as always. We receive reports from States Parties, share them with the Advisory Bodies and produce the working document for the Committee. The decisions of the Committee are public as well as official reactive monitoring mission reports after the Committee session. The question for the procedures in the UK is different, as you may make your own reports available depending on the situation, UNESCO cannot interfere with internal State Party policies. But UNESCO has to apply the same procedure for all reports sent to us.

Please also understand that the system is total overloaded with 160 SOC reports to prepare for the Committee. Additional public debates on States Party reports – during the extreme short time frame of 1 February to 15 April may add further constraints on Advisory Bodies and World Heritage Centre. The State Party report would have under normal conditions to include already stakeholder's views on specific matters and try to provide the full picture of a given situation.

I hope this helps,
Kind regards
Mechtild

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Mechtild

Grateful if you would let me know what the WH Centre's position is on making public reactive monitoring reports ahead of the World Heritage Committee. Are there any strong objections? We need to be clear about this because we would need to justify to Parliament why these could not be made available and are withheld. We could also be open to challenge under the Freedom of Information legislation.

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I would appreciate your views by close tomorrow because the Minister's reply to the MP will need to be submitted by Friday morning at the latest.

Many thanks

Peter

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Christopher

Robert Key MP has tabled a PQ asking if the SoS will place a copy of his report to UNESCO WH Committee on the future of Stonehenge in the Library of the House of Commons/Lords; and if he will make a statement. He is clearly referring to the reactive monitoring report for Stonehenge we sent off on the 30 January

My understanding is that the WH centre are not keen for SOC reports to be made public in advance of the Committee but is there any hard and fast ruling on this of which you are aware?

I am copying in Mechtild on this in case she has a view.

Regards

Peter

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Subject: FW: Draft Management Plan for comments 1
Attachments: Initial comments by ICOMOS on Stonehenge MP.doc

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Subject: RE: Draft Management Plan for comments 1

Isabelle:

As you know I cannot be at the meeting tomorrow. ICOMOS-UK will be offering comments on the whole draft management plan but we will not had the chance to complete these before your meeting tomorrow. I would however like to send initial comments on one section of the plan –the section on Visitor Facilities. I hope this will be helpful for your discussions.

Regards

Susan

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Dear Mr Bandarin

STONEHENGE, AVEBURY AND ASSOCIATED SITES UK WORLD HERITAGE SITE

You may be aware of recent press reports about damage inflicted on the Stonehenge World Heritage Site on 15 May. I am writing to update you on this event and to clarify the issue.

On the night of Thursday 15 May between 9-10pm two men climbed over the fence encircling Stonehenge and using a hammer and screwdriver, struck a small flake, 2mm deep and 14mm in diameter from the megalith known as the Heel Stone. The flake was struck from the north side of the stone nearest to the road, about 1m from the ground.

The men were disturbed by the security guards before they had time to do more damage and drove away. The Stonehenge Director, Peter Carson, was informed immediately, and as a precaution an additional security officer was drafted in to for the remainder of that night's shift.

The police were informed and have descriptions of the two men and there are also CCTV images. Dr Amanda Chadburn, English Heritage's Inspector of Ancient Monuments, was informed of the damage first thing the following morning and arranged for a formal damage assessment to be undertaken that morning.

Although this is a sad incident, it should be noted that the security arrangements worked well in that very little damage was inflicted before the guards challenged the vandals. The security officers and site staff have been briefed to be extra vigilant.

Yours sincerely

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