

Following my presentation at The Inspector's 3 day hearing regarding the ownership of The Blenheim Estate in which I made the case that the Blenheim Estate was founded on Crown Land which, to this day, is leased from The Crown Estate on receipt of one flag per annum, I wish to emphasise that The Crown Estate leased land is not just the parkland around the Palace but extends to Manors and Villages all around the Palace as referenced in the original Queen Anne Act of 1705. Furthermore, at the base of the Column erected within Blenheim Grounds and featuring the First Duke, there is inscribed the Queen Anne Act with the names of the Manors and Villages which are leased to The Duke. It is, therefore, literally set in stone.

This is contrary to assertions by the Developer who claims the protected land is just the parkland where no solar panels will be placed.

Furthermore, the Developer states in their Environmental Statement.

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The Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site (WHS) is located just to the west of the Project Site. **The boundary of the WHS is almost contiguous with the boundary of the Blenheim Palace Grade I Registered Park and Garden** whilst this defined historic landscape also contains numerous listed buildings including the palace, the water terrace gardens and Bernini fountain, the Grand Bridge and the New Bridge (all listed as Grade I).  
(my bold highlight)

This definition of the boundary of the WHS is wrong. The 2017 Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site Revised Management Plan' for UNESCO clearly states:

"The extent of setting is not fixed .....it does not have a fixed boundary and cannot be definitively and permanently described for all time as a spatially bounded area or as lying within a set distance of a heritage asset.....**much of the setting lies within the wider extent of the Blenheim estate**..... Thus for almost 300 years, management of the wider estate has acted as a means of both supporting the historic core and protecting it."

It continues " The manager / s (of a World Heritage site) aim must be the continuing sustainable use of the landscape, whether urban or rural, while **keeping** ..... **what is important from the past**, ..... As a consequence, management must also change to **accommodate the views of others and the interests of those who live and work in an area.**"

(My bold highlights)

I further ask that you investigate the terms of the 1,000 year mortgage that Parliament holds on The Blenheim Estate through The Blenheim Estate Act of 1856. It is, I suggest, unlikely that any Mortgage holder allows for the leasing of land to the property which would mean that should the Mortgage be called in the Mortgagee would be unable to return areas of leased land to the Mortgage Holder.

All details are contained in my previous submissions to you.