

THE PREHISTORIC BUILT ENVIRONMENT



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Access is to be denied to the great earthen mound to the north of Stonehenge – Silbury Hill.

Yes, it is receiving too much damage. But what interested me was that this feature of an earthen landscape has been **reclassified a building**. (As part of the countryside, people had free access to the monument.)

Whether or not it is appropriate to bar access, I am arguing in my latest book that **the landscape round Stonehenge is an ancient built environment**. Our distinctions between city and countryside are not applicable to much of prehistory.