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About this survey

Thank you for taking part in this consultation about the new historic environment policy.

Based on feedback and engagement undertaken over the past year we have produced a high level, principles based document, for the whole of the historic environment. In this survey we are asking for your views on the content and functionality of the resulting draft policy.

Your responses

The survey asks 50 questions and should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

Unless you give us your permission to publicly share your responses and attribute them to you, any views expressed will be anonymised and non-attributable to individuals and organisations.

This opportunity to comment on the document will close at midnight on Monday 3 December 2018.

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Background

In 2016, we committed to a review and replacement of the Historic Environment Scotland Policy Statement (HESPS). This was an interim document which was put in place when Historic Environment Scotland (HES) was formed.

Engagement:

The What's Your Heritage? project was the beginning of this process and we asked the people of Scotland to tell us what the historic environment means to them and how it should be looked after.

Building upon the findings of What's Your Heritage? we have been holding conversations with colleagues and stakeholders about what about what they would like the policy to contain and what a replacement to HESPS should look like.

We were told that our new historic environment policy should be a high level, principles-based document that sets out how all of Scotland's historic environment should be looked after and managed and that HES ought to lead that process at a strategic level.

The policy:

The draft replacement policy has the working title of Historic Environment Policy (HEP). HEP is for everyone who cares about decisions that affect the historic environment. This includes those who make the decisions, as well as anyone else affected by or interested in them. This draft policy is a product of these conversations and principles. Whilst HEP will be a short, strategic document, it will be underpinned by policy guidance.

Find out what has changed?

NOTE:

Operational detail contained within HESPS will be produced as policy guidance and will be in place ready for when HESPS is withdrawn. This is currently being drafted and will be available for consultation separately.

Timescale:

A replacement for the demolition guidance contained within in HESPS will be consulted on in November 2018

Designations policy and criteria will be consulted on in January 2019

Scheduled Monument policy and guidance will be consulted on in January 2019

Draft Historic Environment Policy [PDF, 1.36MB]

Strategic Environmental Assessment Report [PDF, 291KB] Strategic

Environmental Assessment Non-Technical Summary [PDF, 255KB]

Your responses

Once this survey has closed, we will analyse all responses received and prepare a consultation report explaining how your responses inform the finalised policy.

We will also take into account the findings identified in our impact assessments.

If you give your consent, we may attribute your response to you in our consultation report which will be published on our website, held in our library and made available to the public on request.

If you do not give your consent, your response will remain anonymous.

* Do you agree to your response being made available to the public?

Yes

No

Your responses - about you

Thank you for agreeing to your response being made public.

To allow us to attribute your responses to you, please provide more information about who you are.

* Are you answering this consultation on behalf of yourself as an individual or in another capacity?

- As an individual
- On behalf of an organisation, public body or charity
- On behalf of a local authority
- As a private business, such as an architect or developer
- Representing a community group
- Other (please specify)

Your responses - your permissions

Do you agree to the name of your organisation, company or local authority being made available to the public alongside your response?

No

Yes (please provide the name of the organisation, company or local authority)

BEFS (Built Environment Forum Scotland)

Your responses - your permissions

Do you agree to the name of your community group being made available to the public alongside your response?

- No
- Yes (please provide the name of the community group)

n/a

Your responses - your permissions

Do you agree to your name being made available to the public alongside your response?

- No
- Yes (please provide your full name)

n/a

Purpose and status

Previous engagement with stakeholders and the public has highlighted the need for us to be clear about what this policy is for, its status and how it should be used.

* To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
The purpose of the Historic Environment Policy is clear DISAGREE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The status of the Historic Environment Policy is clear STRONGLY DISAGREE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I understand what the policy is trying to achieve AGREE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Which of the following functions do you think the draft Historic Environment Policy performs?

Please select all that apply.

- Promotes an inclusive understanding of the values of the historic environment
- Promotes people's participation in decisions concerning the historic environment
- Encourages a consistent and integrated approach to decision making in support of positive outcomes for the people of Scotland**
- Supports the vision and aims of Our Place in Time, Scotland's strategy for the historic environment
- Reflects principles set out by international charters and conventions on cultural heritage and landscapes
- Provides guidance for decision making affecting the historic environment**

* The proposed name for the policy is the Historic Environment Policy (HEP).

To what extent do you feel this name is a suitable title, reflecting the policy's content and status?

Strongly disagree **Neither agree nor disagree** Strongly agree

Do you have any alternative suggestions for the title of the finalised policy?

No comment

Challenges and Opportunities

We have identified 14 challenges and opportunities in recognising, caring for and managing the historic environment.

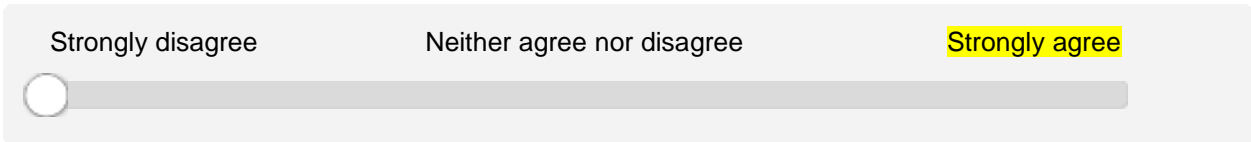
[Download the fully readable infographic \[PDF, 849KB\]](#)

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the inclusion of each of these challenges and their definitions?

* A holistic approach to the environment

Today's rural and urban landscapes are the result of human interaction with the environment. A holistic approach recognises that every part of a landscape has relationships with every other part. We have to look at each part of a landscape with reference to the whole, and recognise that natural and cultural benefits and outcomes are often interdependent.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree **Strongly agree**

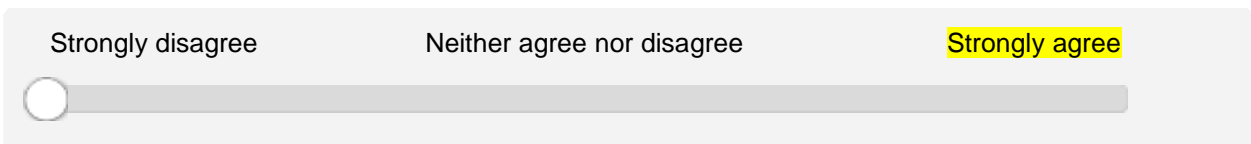


Comments:

* Climate change

Our approach to decision-making affecting the historic environment must recognise and respond to ongoing climate change and support reductions in carbon emissions and waste.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree **Strongly agree**

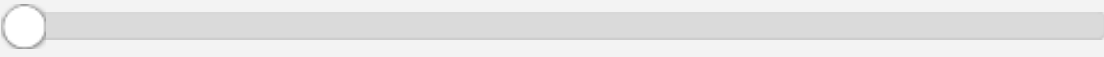


Comments:

* Community participation and empowerment

The more people engage with and participate in decision-making affecting the historic environment, the more sound the decisions we make will be. Decisions about the historic environment don't just have an impact on the conservation of the historic environment – they also have an impact on people. Decision-makers need to weigh up potentially conflicting needs in an open and transparent way, so that everyone can understand how the decision was made.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree **Strongly agree**

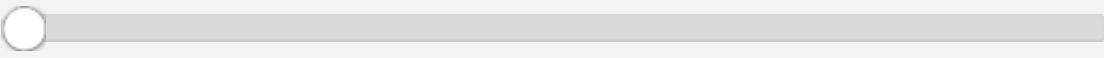


Comments:

* Diversity and equality

Our historic environment should be accessible and provide a source of inspiration, enjoyment and learning for everyone. It should reflect the whole of our society. We need to think and talk about the past in a way that includes everyone, and that celebrates and recognises the diversity of our heritage.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree **Strongly agree**

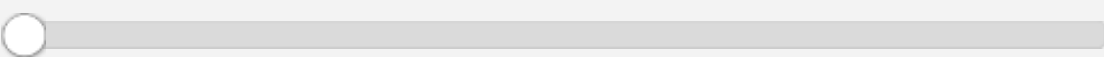


Comments:

* Economic change

A strong economy supports effective management of the historic environment. The historic environment also contributes to inclusive and sustainable economic growth. We should always aim to maximise this, and make sure that people are aware of it. We need to be sure that our systems are flexible enough to handle changes in the economy.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree **Strongly agree**



Comments:

Wording is not strong enough in relation to HE contribution to economy.

* Funding

Not all elements of the historic environment can make enough money to cover the costs of maintaining them. The future of some sites will rely on external funding. There are difficult choices to be made about where to spend the available money, and not all sites and projects will receive funding. We have to be able to prioritise and think creatively about approaches to funding.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree Strongly agree

Comments:

Mentioning prioritization directly – as the corporate plan does - would be beneficial, also sustainability (financial sense) should be referenced.

* Intangible heritage

Established ways of managing the historic environment are based around physical, tangible things. These might be buildings, monuments, sites, places, areas or landscapes. Intangible heritage includes things that do not have a physical presence – things like stories, skills, or traditions. We need to improve our understanding of this intangible heritage. We need to celebrate and recognise it properly so that it can inform our understanding of the past and the decisions we take.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree Strongly agree

Comments:

Feel that this could be incorporated into holistic – we should be at a point of including intangible, without making it separate.

* Land management

Agricultural and land use practices and policies have an impact on our historic environment. They change constantly, so we must make sure that systems and principles for the management of the historic environment can accommodate and address these changes.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree Strongly agree

Comments:

Is this not part of a 'holistic' approach?

* Creating and maintaining places

The places where we live, work and play are central to our wellbeing. The historic environment needs to be central to decisions about how we create, maintain and enhance our places. Ensuring places are sustainable, viable, vibrant and attractive is an ongoing challenge, and is central to the successful management of their character.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree Strongly agree

Comments:

'Creating' can be seen as problematic – as the narrative states, 'enhancing and maintaining' could be seen as more appropriate.

* Regulatory change

When regulations change, it can alter how decisions are made. This might include changes to planning law or environmental assessment law. When changes like this happen, we will need to take them into account. To make this possible, our processes have to be flexible, responsive and led by an agreed set of principles.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree Strongly agree

Comments:

* Roles and responsibilities

Taking care of the historic environment is a shared responsibility. Sometimes the interests of different groups and individuals overlap, and this can cause confusion and tension about roles and responsibilities. We need to make sure that everyone understands how and why key decisions that affect the historic environment are made.

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree Strongly agree

Comments:

To connect better with following policies would collaboration and partnership be best mentioned at this stage?

* Skills and capacity

Good management relies on decision-makers having access to the right skills and expertise to make informed decisions. We need to make sure that there is time and support for decision-makers to do their jobs effectively.

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Strongly agree



Comments: When much of HEP is enacted through planning, and this is reliant on planning authorities

- how is this C&O to be actioned.

* Societal change

Our population is ageing and shifting. It is better connected than ever before. Our communities are growing and our lifestyles are changing. All of these things should influence how we manage the historic environment. We need to make sure that we are recognising and anticipating these trends, and that our systems proactively respond to them.

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Strongly agree



Comments:

* Sustainable tourism

Tourism brings huge benefits to the wider economy and specifically provides financial resources for looking after many historic sites and buildings. High visitor numbers can also affect the sites themselves, and create challenges for managing them. We need to make sure that we effectively balance these effects to secure long-term benefits.

Strongly disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Strongly agree



Comments:

* Are there any gaps in the challenges and opportunities listed above?

No

Yes

Historic Environment as a resource is mentioned in policy but not in the C&O section – could this be added in to get greater connection between C&O and policies?

Some thought this the best page of the document, others raised questions about its purpose. Either way - a double page would be appreciated, many found it too small to read. The pictorial nature was praised and some thought the policies would also benefit from visual representation.

Should it link to National Performance Framework & UN Sustainable Development Goals?

The infographic was seen as showing an excellent range of issues which do need to be considered, but the HEP policies don't respond to these challenges and opportunities. There is a disconnect.

Principles and policies: Understanding and Recognition

The core principles in the draft Historic Environment Policy set out a shared understanding of how the historic environment should be managed.

The accompanying policies set out how these principles should be applied.

* To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following core principles for Understanding and Recognition?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
A wide range of values can contribute to cultural significance neither	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Knowledge and information about the historic environment is critical to the understanding of our past, present and future. A place must be understood for its significance to be identified disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The historic environment evolves over time, and so does our understanding and appreciation of it agree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We are all responsible for enhancing our knowledge and making it widely accessible neither	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have any comments on these core principles for Understanding and Recognition?

2nd core principle – significance should be identified *and recognized*

4th core principle – who is the *we*? – Throughout the document this caused consternation. The principles were not seen as particularly accessible for communities, where do they have an “in” to the process?

Generally sound on principles – hard to take issue with any. Whilst not disagreeable, seen to lack substantive meaning.

Within this section there need to mention that the historic environment is a finite and non-renewable resource.

The related policy on how these principles should be applied for Understanding and Recognition is:

HEP1

Decision-makers should adopt a holistic approach to the historic environment, incorporating an inclusive understanding of its breadth and cultural significance.

Do you have any comments on the policy for Understanding and Recognition?

Suggested rewording: *In decision making everyone* should adopt a holistic *evidenced based* approach to the historic environment [...]

Further comments included changing ‘decision makers’ to people.

Potential for stronger wording, “must” rather than should.

Principles and policies: Managing Change

The core principles in the draft Historic Environment Policy set out a shared understanding of how the historic environment should be managed.

The accompanying policies set out how these principles should be applied.

* To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following core principles for Managing Change?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Change has to happen for places to thrive disagree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good decisions take a long-term view neither	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good decisions are transparent, robust, consistent and proportionate agree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Caring for our historic environment benefits everyone, now and in the future neither	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To manage the future of the historic environment in a sustainable way, its significance, and the significance of elements within it have to be understood agree	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good decisions make sure that nothing is lost without considering its value first and exploring options for avoiding its loss neither	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good decisions retain the cultural significance of the historic environment neither	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have any comments on these core principles for Managing Change?

It's not 'good decision making' it's *well informed decision making*. 'Good' was seen as an unnecessary value judgement.
 Decisions are only valuable if funding is available, not an aspect mentioned.
 Rather than change *has to happen*, change *is constant*. Change was also seen as *likely* but not necessarily inevitable. Change *may be necessary* ...
 The sections related to understanding (p3) could be better expressed as Steps to Appropriate Decision Making.
 The final two principles could be seen to be in conflict.

The related policies on how these principles should be applied for Managing Change are:

HEP2

Decision-makers should ensure that the benefits, understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment are secured for the long term.

HEP3

Strategic plans and policies and the allocation of resources should protect and promote the historic environment.

Where detrimental impacts on the historic environment arising from plans and programmes are identified and unavoidable, steps should be taken to demonstrate that other options have been explored and mitigation measures put in place.

HEP4

When considering changes to specific assets and their context, significant harm should be avoided. Opportunities for enhancement should be sought where appropriate. Where detrimental impacts on the historic environment are unavoidable, these should be minimised and mitigation measures put in place.

Do you have any comments on the policies for Managing Change?

HEP2 – addition of HE being finite and non-renewable resource was suggested.

HEP2 - tricky to disagree with but seen as lacking substance.

HEP2 – some questioned if the words ‘decision makers’ necessary at the start of this HEP?

Others suggested rewording, *Decisions makers should seek to ensure ... sufficient allocation of resources to protect the historic environment.*

HEP3 – delete word ‘strategic’ – HEP should refer to as broad a range of plans/policies as possible.

HEP3 – addition of reference to resources would be beneficial.

HEP4 - needs splitting up into HEP4 and HEP4a – the first section being seen as particularly strong (and perhaps undermined by latter). Multiple participants agreed.

HEP4 – concern that enhancement is frequently/willfully misunderstood, suggestion that the term is clarified.

HEP4 – concern over word ‘significant’ appearing before ‘harm’.

HEP4 – reworded to *Decision makers should seek to avoid changes which would have adverse impacts on the cultural significance of specific assets...*

HEP4 was seen to set policy test without public benefit ‘balancing test’

Is it possible to separate our HEP3 and HEP4 – can there be one on prevention and one on enhancement?

Where is the policy that makes it clear that there are times when change is NOT appropriate?

Are the policies strong enough if scrutinised with malcontent?

Principles and policies: Working Together

The core principles in the draft Historic Environment Policy set out a shared understanding of how the historic environment should be managed.

The accompanying policies set out how these principles should be applied.

* To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following core principles for Working Together?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Everyone has a stake in the historic environment and how it is looked after	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effective management is a collective effort	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effective management should be undertaken in balance with the surrounding environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The best management involves empowering and involving communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Early dialogue and close collaboration lead to better outcomes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you have any comments on these core principles for Working Together?

Engagement should be *meaningful engagement*.
 Section seen as not sitting as well with the rest of the document.
 Should bring in the knowledge and understanding of communities and individuals to the process.
 Link community needs with opportunities.
 Concern that planning system not more explicitly mentioned in this section.
 Desire for practicability expressed.
 Could be more positivity- particularly about the opportunities for volunteering etc.
 More emphasis on importance of working together.
 Please demonstrate commitment to sharing knowledge.
 Demonstrate understanding that there can be competing views.

The related policies on how these principles should be applied for Working Together are:

HEP5

Everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy our historic environment, to contribute to our shared knowledge and to participate in decision-making.

HEP6

People should be empowered to benefit from the historic environment for the purpose of the sustainable development of their communities and places.

Do you have any comments on the policies for Working Together?

What does 'empowered to benefit' mean?
 HEP5 was seen as too similar to HEP1
 HEP5 power to enforce this specifically was questioned?
 HEP5 & HEP6 – should be merged into one HEP
 There were divergent views as to whether HEP5 & HEP6 should be front and centre, or are well placed.
 Who are HEP5 and HEP6 aimed at ...
 HEP6 – keep text and include: *Decision makers should engage with communities on the potential contribution to the sustainable development of their communities and places*

Managing Change Guidance

We have produced a series of guidance notes about making changes to the historic environment.

Each Managing Change document looks at a different theme in terms of:

- the key issues that might arise
- how best to deal with such issues
- the reasons behind our advice

Our existing series of Managing Change Guidance documents covers:

Current Managing Change Guidance:

Name	Referred to in SHEP/HESPS
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Roofs (2010)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Shopfronts and Signs (2010)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: External Walls (2010)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: External Fixtures (2010)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Extensions (2010)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Engineering Structures (2010)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Doorways (2010)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Boundaries (2010)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Accessibility (2010)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Demolition (2010)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Windows (2018)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Castles & Towerhouses (2017)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Fire Safety (2016)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Gardens & Designed Landscapes (2016)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Historic Battlefields (2016)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Interiors (2016)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Micro-Renewables (2016)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Setting (2016)	NO
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: World Heritage (2016)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Works to Scheduled Monuments (2016)	YES
Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Scheduled Monument Consent for Archaeological Excavation (2018)	YES

Current Designation Guidance:

Name	Referred to in SHEP/HESPS
Scotland's Listed Buildings (2016)	YES
Scotland's Scheduled Monuments (2016)	YES
Scotland's Historic Marine Protected Areas (2016)	YES
Scotland's Inventory of Historic Battlefields (2016)	YES
Scotland's Inventory of Gardens & Designed Landscapes (2016)	YES

These guidance notes help you to apply to the core principles defined in the draft policy.

More information on Managing Change on our [website](#)

Alongside publishing the new policy, we will review and refresh these guidance notes.

Are there any missing or any unnecessary?

- HEP needs clarity/link to other detailed policies.
- Overall HEP needs to explicitly cross refer to the suite of Managing Change documents.

Impact of the new draft policy

We have considered and identified the impact that the new draft policy may have on:


- the environment
- equalities

[Download Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment \[PDF, 291KB\]](#)

[Download Equality Impact Assessment \[PDF, 455KB\]](#)

* To what extent do you agree with the results of our environmental assessment?


Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree Strongly agree



Do you have any comments on our environmental assessment? **No comment**

* To what extent do you agree with the results of our equalities impact assessment?

Strongly disagree Neither agree nor disagree Strongly agree



Do you have any comments on our equalities impact assessment? **No comment**

Glossary

For a shared understanding of the language used within the draft Historic Environment Policy, we have included a glossary of key terms and definitions.

These are not intended to be dictionary definitions and are explanations of terms as they are used in this draft policy.

[Download the Glossary \[PDF, 15.3KB\]](#)

In the final version of the policy, these definitions will be integrated into the body of the text rather than as a stand-alone appendix.

Do you agree with our key terms and definitions?

- Yes
- No - please explain which terms and definitions should be reviewed

There was little agreement or disagreement, however there were mixed views on the glossary format as expressed in the following answer.

Is the glossary of key terms and definitions useful?

- Yes
- No

Are there any terms missing from the glossary?

- No
- Yes (please specify)

- Mixed views on footnotes v. glossary – ultimately preference expressed for the text to be clear enough that neither is necessary for comprehension. If glossary remains then additional words to define were suggested as: benefit, community – especially the inclusion of amenity groups as one of the definitions would be seen as a positive addition, empowerment, engagement.
- Cultural Significance. Explain it – don't hide it in a glossary
- If using terms like 'local' and 'long-term' – they need to be more clearly defined (preferably within the text).

Do you have any further comments to add?

Editorial comment: In current draft there are two sets of page numbers for the first section, then repeated start to the rest of the document.

A statement of purpose (one that reflects what would happen if these policies were not to exist) would be a meaningful addition.

- Regulatory status needs to be clearly – very clearly- stated at the start of the document. State it's a material consideration (even if then choosing to define material consideration for the sake of 'easy read' intention). This status discussion needs to also clearly refer to suite of documents including the Managing Change Guidance documents, planning legislation, Local Authority advice, Local Development Plans etc (LDPs mentioned by several respondents.)
- Decision makers frequently mentioned – these will ultimately only be regulators and owners. The power to influence these parties is necessary and welcomed, but to label them as 'decision makers' may over-state the case and unrealistically elevate expectations.
- To connect potential 'decision makers' with HEP it may be necessary to list the asset owning public and private agencies and bodies.
- What were the differences/benefits of the previous HESPS document?
Suggested language such as, *HESPS supported, prevented, encouraged ...*, and how *HEP will develop, grow, support and increase* that work could give the document a sense of agency.
- Sequencing of sections: suggestion strongly given by majority of participants.

Revised HEP

Narrative

Core Principles

The current layout demotes the HEP to a by-product of extensive narrative, reducing its strength.

- Conservation was not seen by many in the document – there may be multiple mentions across supporting principles and application methods for various HEPs, but the spirit of conservation did not come through to many.
- Language has been simplified (perhaps too much at times) but some words like 'holistic' aren't necessarily fully accessible.
- Funding does not feature in the policies or principles within the document.
- Keen interest in seeing policies on delivery, monitoring and review.
Several suggestions for HEP7 and HEP8 – monitor decisions and review in context.

This response was informed by BEFS members representing:

The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland

Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

BEFS individual members

Archaeology Scotland

Historic Houses

ICON Scotland

The Cockburn Association

Scottish Redundant Churches Trust

Chartered Institute for Archaeology

Scotland's Churches Trust

SURF

IHBC

Association of Local Government Archaeology Officers

SPAB

RSA Fellows' Media, Creative Industries, Culture & Heritage Network