

HES Climate Change and Environmental Action Plan

Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

We are asking for your views on our draft Climate Change and Environmental Action Plan (CCEAP) 2019-24.

It sets out how we aim to address the challenges and opportunities presented by climate change to our organisation and to the wider historic environment. It also outlines how we'll continue to support Scottish Government to meet its ambitious carbon reduction targets.

The Plan identifies eight strategic themes as core areas of climate change work and research: Climate impacts, risk and adaptation

- Energy and carbon management
- Sustainable travel
- Biodiversity
- Behaviour change
- Research, education and training
- Sustainable procurement
- Circular economy

Download the draft action plan:

<http://historicenvironment.scot/media/5666/hes-draft-climate-change-environmental-action-plan.pdf>

The survey asks 12 questions and takes around 5 minutes to complete. At the end of the survey, there is an option for you to upload documents, files and letters if you have additional comments.

This consultation will close at 12pm on Wednesday 19 June. If you would like to speak with us about this consultation or if you have any questions, please contact us:

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Contact us

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About you

Climate Change and Environmental Action Plan 2019-24

1. 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
- Representing a community group
- Other (please specify):

2. Please provide the name of the organisation, company or local authority you are responding on behalf of.

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3. Perceptions and attitudes towards climate change often vary depending on age.

To allow us to track trends in the responses we receive, please tell us your age bracket.

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

4. Perceptions and attitudes towards climate change often vary country to country.

To allow us to track trends in the responses we receive, please tell us where you're responding from.

- Scotland
- UK (other)
- Elsewhere in the world

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5. The plan has eight themes covering different areas of climate change action.

How relevant are the themes in the action plan?

All very relevant

	Not at all relevant	Slightly relevant	Relevant	Very relevant
Climate impacts, risk and adaptation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy and carbon management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainable travel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Biodiversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Behaviour change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research, education and training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainable procurement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Circular economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Are there any themes missing? Please list them below.

Tourism effects;

Existing and new buildings – encourage a presumption in favour of keeping and re-using buildings. Extending the life of a building is a challenge and an opportunity. Identify the full life-cycle costs of new build.

7. Under each theme, we have listed our proposed actions. How ambitious and achievable are these actions?

(Sliding scale) The plan is achievable but not ambitious enough.

Achievable, but not ambitious enough	Ambitious, but achievable	Too ambitious and unachievable
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8. Please make suggestions on how we can improve the plan, including comments on what's missing.

'A Climate Change Risk Assessment' – useful to know this was published in 2018 as, like many HES publications, it is undated. We hope the final version of this Action Plan will have a date on the back cover.

Sustainable transport refers to the promotion of low/no carbon modes of transport for business travel and commuting. Can this be extended to visitor access to HES properties and tourism more widely?

Grassland Management case study – any reduction or discontinuation of cutting needs interpretation to explain that less (reduced/discontinued) grass cutting is part of a biodiversity programme, and best practice, not cost saving.

Green Champions network – this is for HES staff members – have HES considered extending this to involve members of the Friends of Historic Scotland? Please note there is a graphic issue; a vertical line appears at the end of the first paragraph of the Case Study.

Research, Education and Training – HES teams have carried out valuable research and the technical research team contributes to CPD events organised by the RIAS and its chapters. The technical advice and guidance is freely available on line, however it takes some time to find the case studies. There are images of each one, in apparently random order, and there does not appear to be the facility to read a list of the studies. Locating the independent review of 18 of the Refurbishment Case studies was not immediately obvious as the full title including Technical Paper 24 was not cited. It would be helpful to see engagement with local authorities and the general public and relate the research to all existing buildings, not only those that are listed or traditional pre 1919 buildings.

Please can the Engine Shed Sustainability Matrix be shared with the sector? RIAS would like to publish this in our Practice Information.

Sustainable procurement has to extend beyond the Conservation Directorate. Is sustainable procurement being applied within the retail offer at HS properties?

We believe that there is more scope for 'joining things up'. We would like HES to look at water in the circular economy. Could rainwater be harvested for example?

We would like to see HES speaking to the Scottish Government and sharing data so that asset owners at different scales can look at the impending disasters and be guided by HES's research. HES's leverage is limited to cases where they are giving grants and advice within the planning system but the serious message is that re-using existing buildings reduces the carbon footprint. More research is required to demonstrate embodied energy. We believe there should be a presumption in favour of keeping and re-using.

The document is well-written but over-long. Could the Actions be summarised and the full text of the tables be put in an appendix?

The Incorporation acknowledges the climate change emergency and considers the plan is achievable and may not be ambitious enough.