

BEFS submitted a short statement in relation to one of the questions posed.

**6 What are your views on the proposed approach to mitigation and monitoring proposed in chapters 5 and 6?**

We note that the monitoring proposed for the impact upon cultural heritage refers to Historic Environment Scotland monitoring changes to designated sites through the Buildings at Risk Register. The register is not formally updated as it once was and therefore may not be the most appropriate indicator.

The national indicator for the historic environment in Scotland Performs is the condition of pre-1919 dwellings taken from the Scottish Government's Scottish House Condition Survey, this may be a preferable means as it captures designated and undesignated historic buildings. It may however need to improve the sample size and the depth of survey undertaken to ensure the data is robust.

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