

Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS) is an umbrella body for organisations working in the built environment in Scotland. Drawing on extensive expertise in a membership-led forum, BEFS informs, debates and advocates on the strategic issues, opportunities and challenges facing Scotland's historic and contemporary built environment. BEFS is a supporting member of the [Climate Heritage Network](#).

Other relevant consultation responses from BEFS can be seen below, as many issues overlap and demand associative consideration:

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SCOTLAND'S HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT POLICY – HES CONSULTATION RESPONSE (03/12/18)

BEFS will be responding only to relevant questions of the consultation, as below:

Question 6. Is the framework clearly structured and easy to navigate?

- Very clear

What could we improve? Please add your suggestions here.

BEFS is supportive of the use of diagrams on pages 10 and 11; the overview diagram 'our role at a glance' of HES' regulatory services in particular is a useful and accessible illustration. To enhance its impact, it could however be incorporated earlier on in section 3 of the framework. BEFS would suggest that it might also be beneficial to include the existing diagram - currently contained in the Historic environment Policy for Scotland (HEPS) - outlining the wider policy landscape to further illustrate HES' role.

Question 7. We tried to use language that is clear and accessible in this document. To what extent do you think we have achieved this?

- Well

What could we improve? Please add your suggestions here.

BEFS recognises that the language in the document reflects occasional need for technical terminology and as such the inclusion of a glossary is noted - and welcome - to aid accessibility and clarity.

Question 8. Does the document clearly set out how we will perform our regulatory and advisory roles and where we are involved? Please add your feedback here.

BEFS considers that the draft framework clearly sets out HES involvement, and regulatory and advisory roles.

BEFS notes and welcomes the links to further information on HES website outlining their role in the planning system as well as directing users to the Historic Environment Scotland Circular. We would encourage even greater levels of signposting to this information, recognising the limitations regarding the level of procedural detail that it can be included in the draft framework. Specifically, this would be useful in relation to clarifying HES remit and locus within Local Authority planning decisions.

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/planning-and-guidance/our-role-in-planning/#overview>

Question 9. To what extent do you agree these are the right goals?

- Strongly agree

Are there any goals that we have missed out or should change?

No

Question 10. To what extent do you agree that we have identified the right principles for our work?

- Strongly agree

Question 11. Do you have any feedback on these principles?

BEFS welcomes the approach to People *and* Place

Question 12. Does the document leave out anything that should be included?

- No

Question 13. If you said 'Yes', please explain your answer in the box below.

N/A

Question 14. Do you have any feedback on how we should measure our performance and the impact of the services included in this framework?

BEFS provides secretariat to the Conservation Officers Group (COG) – ideas and discussion for measuring impact could potentially be explored through this forum.

BEFS responses to a number of Consultations in relation to the Built Environment can be found at:

<https://www.befs.org.uk/resources/consultations/>

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