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Dear Mr Pearson

WHERE ON EARTH ARE WE? THE ROLE OF GLOBAL NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEMS (GNSS) IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SURVEY (SECOND EDITION)

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) is the professional body of the United Kingdom representing conservation specialists and historic environment practitioners in the public and private sectors. The Institute exists to establish the highest standards of conservation practice, to support the effective protection and enhancement of the historic environment, and to promote heritage-led regeneration and access to the historic environment for all.

Thank you for inviting us to participate in this consultation. On this technical subject our input is somewhat limited but we fully support the document's production and eventual publication and we respond to the questions posed in the consultation as follows:

- **Does the document meet the need for guidance?**

We think it does. This is an emerging field in specialist surveying practice and a general description of its possibilities is useful. We do not believe it has been extensively used to date in connection with the conservation of historic buildings and places but we can see the potential for this.

- **Do you have any comments on the overall structure of the document?**

We think the guidance is well conceived and deals with the topic in a straightforward manner.

- **Can the guidance be understood by non-specialists?**

Yes, insofar as it is possible for such a complex topic to be evaluated in laymen's terms. It succeeds in getting over to the non-specialist the possibilities the techniques might provide and the caveats attaching to its operation in practice.

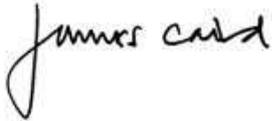
- **Are there any factual inaccuracies, particularly in the sections explaining how GNSS works?**

Despite a canvas of our Panel, we were unable to summon any expertise that might identify inaccuracies. We note the breadth of expert advice that has already been employed and are happy that the document is as up-to-date and accurate as is possible.

- **Is there anything missing from the document which you feel should be covered?**

We are unable to identify any omissions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Caird". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

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