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Dear Sirs

HISTORIC BATTLEFIELDS

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. We support the proposal which are well thought through and presented. Our responses to the questions are fully supportive except for comments added in the case of questions 7, 12, 14, 15, and 16.

Question 1

Are Cadw's proposals for a Register of Historic Battlefields in Wales laid out and explained clearly? Please identify any parts of the text that you find hard to understand or that remain unclear.

Answer 1 - Yes

Question 2

Do you agree that a policy for the protection and sustainable management of historic battlefields is necessary? If not, what alternative course of action would you suggest, and why?

Answer 2 - Yes

Question 3

Do you support the proposal to create a non-statutory register of nationally important battlefields? If not, what alternative approaches should be considered?

Answer 3 - Yes

Question 4

Do you agree with the purpose of the proposed Register? If not, what changes would you suggest and why?

Answer 4 – Yes

Question 5

Do you support our proposal to create a two-tier system of protection for battlefields? If not, what changes would you propose and why?

Answer 5 - Yes

Question 6

Do you agree with the proposed form of words that is being proposed for Planning Policy Wales for tier 1 and tier 2 sites?

Answer 6 - Yes

Question 7

Should Cadw consider including the proposed tier 2 sites in the existing Register of Landscapes of Historic Interest in Wales instead of the proposed Register of Historic Battlefields in Wales?

Answer 7 – Yes, but we also think that as Tier 2 battlefields have uncertain locations, there should be a mechanism for ensuring that they can be incorporated into the process of Historic Landscape Characterisation which will be occurring as separate work streams from time to time. In some cases this might apply also to Tier 1 sites.

Question 8

Do you agree that policies are needed for both the overall area of the battlefield and specific areas within it? If not, what changes would you suggest and why?

Answer 8 - Yes

Question 9

Do you agree with the proposed selection principles as set out in the technical appendix? If not, what changes would you propose and why?

Answer 9 - Yes

Question 10

Do you agree with the proposed battlefield scope and definition as set out in the technical appendix? If not, what changes would you propose and why?

Answer 10 - Yes

Question 11

Do you agree with the proposed criteria and guidance as set out in the technical appendix? If not, what changes would you propose and why?

Answer 11 - Yes

Question 12

Do you agree with the proposed roles and responsibilities as set out in the technical appendix? If not, what changes would you propose and why?

Answer 12 – Yes, but we support the view expressed to you by the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust that the specific role in planning and heritage management functions of the Archaeological Trusts should be clearly recognized in the way the roles and responsibilities are set out in the Guidance.

Question 13

Are there other reasons for valuing battlefields that should also be considered?

Answer 13 - No

Question 14

Do you agree that best practice guidance would be useful? If so, who should lead in developing this? If not, what alternative approaches should be considered?

Answer 14 – Yes, we support the production of best practice guidance and that this should be produced by those with practical experience of archaeological practice and management.

Question 15

Cadw is preparing a set of case studies to illustrate a range of issues. How do you think that the case studies would be best disseminated? Do you know of examples that you feel would make good case studies?

Answer 15 – No, but it would be best if best practice guidance could be a web-based facility with capacity for change as the experience of early use of the register unfolds.

Question 16

Do you agree that the planning system should be used to protect battlefields? What other mechanisms should be used to control potentially damaging activities that do not require planning consent?

Answer 16 – Yes, but mechanisms need to be introduced to regulate other potential adverse impacts such as changes to agricultural regimes.

Question 17: We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

The Register should be issued as soon as possible to allow its contents to influence the current round of Local Development Plans.

Yours faithfully

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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