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Dear Mr Last

#### **CONSULTATION ON A THEMATIC RESEARCH STRATEGY FOR PREHISTORY**

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.

The Institute supports the Strategy to increase understanding of elements of the prehistoric environment.

In general we feel that English Heritage should actively encourage research which is carried out and structured in ways that allow it to be put to practicable use by historic environment practitioners. The strategy should promote and emphasise this practical use. We also feel that the research strategies need to be publicised more outside research circles especially the new thematic surveys which are more applicable to our members' area of interest.

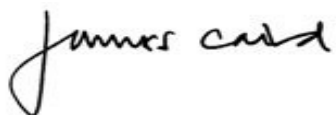
The Institute would particularly like to see research in the following areas, which would be most beneficial to historic environment practitioners:

PR7 Responding to changing environments: protection policies, climate change and conservation strategies.

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We hope these comments are useful.

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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