

# Scotland's Traditional Buildings Charter (with IHBC annotations)

We, the undersigned, acknowledging

1. the physical and cultural **heritage** resource **embodied represented** in the traditional buildings of Scotland
2. the embodied energy of Scotland's traditional buildings
3. the importance of traditional buildings to the distinctive, ~~local look and feel of our~~ **sense of place and wellbeing generated by our villages**, town and city centres and our national identity
4. the contribution of Scotland's traditional buildings to the nation's offer to tourism
5. **the importance of Scotland's traditional buildings to Scotland's economy**

agree

6. to consider in all instances the impact of our **activities actions** on the traditional building stock
7. to refrain from any **activity action** which would lead to the unnecessary **abandonment**, destruction or replacement of Scotland's traditional buildings
8. to promote ~~whenever relevant and possible~~ the common sense benefits of routine building maintenance, ~~including~~ within our own organisations **and those we influence**
9. ~~wherever possible, to grasp opportunities~~ to increase understanding and improve the public perception of traditional buildings
10. to encourage the full use of the historic environment regulatory system (both national and local) for the protection of Scotland's traditional buildings

Definitions: (note we suggest the 2 terms below warrant definitions being attached)

Traditional building: A building that is constructed from solid but vapour-permeable walls that allow the building envelope to absorb and release moisture. Commonly but not exclusively erected before the 1919 Housing Act, but traditional construction continues to this day.

Embodied energy is the energy consumed by all of the processes associated with the production of a building, from the mining and processing of natural resources to manufacturing, transport and construction. When added to the operation and end of life disposal of the building material embodied energy is the 'upstream' or 'front-end' component of the lifecycle impact of a building.

Notes of Explanation to IHBC Suggestions above

1. embodied is in next sentence

3. 'sense of place' and 'wellbeing' are accepted terms which better represent 'local look' and 'feel'

5. economic benefits from heritage are now well documented and this is an important point to include

6/7. 'actions' includes 'activities' but also other work/ involvements of the signature organisations which are not strictly 'activities'. 'Abandonment' – buildings can be destroyed due to neglect.

8/9. grasping opportunities is not enough, it implies only signing up to opportunities created by others; the sector should rather also be creating its own opportunities. While the phrases "whenever possible" and "wherever relevant" could imply that these things will always be done, they are rather weak and seem to be showing some uncertainty - a "well I will if I can" way of thinking.

10. We feel this is an important point to recognise the need of here.