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HISTORIC SCOTLAND'S CONSULTATION on Managing Change in the Historic Environment Leaflet Series

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Leaflet Series. I wish to endorse the comments of IHBC in relation to the built environment and provide here additional personal comments on Gardens and Designed Landscapes.

Consultation Questions

1. In what capacity are you involved, or have you previously been involved, with seeking advice on the Historic Built Environment (e.g. applicant, agent, amenity body, planner, etc)?

I am a member of IHBC, currently practising as a landscape historian and heritage adviser, undertaking historical research, providing policy guidance and cultural assessment of gardens and designed landscapes and other historic open spaces in Scotland. I have been involved with the Planning System, Heritage Lottery projects and Conservation Area assessments of open spaces, parks, gardens and designed landscapes across Scotland in my capacity as a freelance consultant over the past 13 years. Prior to that I worked for both central and local government as a Conservation Officer and Historic Buildings Inspector.

4. The 14 Guidance Notes replace guidance from the withdrawn Memorandum. What aspects of the Historic Environment should be considered for inclusion in an expanded series in the future.

The vacuum caused by withdrawal of the *Memorandum of Guidance* is of concern to those working with gardens and designed landscapes, particularly with weakened supporting policy in the draft SPP compared to SPP23. This has serious consequences for development control in historic landscapes of all types in Scotland, particularly as Planning Authorities are still on 'catch up'. A **Garden and Designed Landscapes Guidance note** is urgently required and should be brought forward as a priority.

General Comments on Managing Change Series

As the historic environment embraces more than just buildings, a more holistic approach to the cultural environment should be conveyed and promoted by Historic Scotland through the guidance notes generally, or in a separate guidance note on Cultural Landscapes.

IHBC raises concerns about a reduced level of detail and content and subtle changes to policy wording. HS may be advised to seek legal opinion to ensure such changes do not disadvantage them at PLI.

While the new Guidance Notes are attractive to read on screen, the colour format is costly and slow to print due to the use of extensive colour printing and images. It does not function well in that respect. Many consultants and the public will wish printed copies and many find information can be better absorbed and cross referred to in hard copy. The guidance notes do not pass the test in that respect. Score 5 out of 10. A better balance is required between producing policy guidance and a glossy brochure.

Yours sincerely,



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RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM: HISTORIC SCOTLAND GUIDANCE
NOTES – MANAGING CHANGE IN THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

Please complete the details below and return it with your response. This will help ensure we handle your response appropriately. Thank you for your help.

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1. Responding: **as an individual**

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(please delete the line that does not relate to your situation)
Yes (go to 2b below)

2b. Where *confidentiality is not requested*, we will make your response available to the public on the following basis (please delete the lines that do not relate to your situation)

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

SHARING RESPONSES/FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

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