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Dear Dr. Barclay (or Christine Kelly),

Re: Historic Scotland's Consultation on Scotland's Battlefields

I have a particular interest in the battlefields as I live in a property (The Linns) on the site of one of them, namely Sheriffmuir. The Linns was in existence at the time of the battle of Sheriffmuir and figures in stories of the battle. and is shown together with the battlefield site on Leslie's map of 1766.

I have learnt that Historic Scotland has launched a consultation on the future of Scottish battlefields. I am much in favour of the listing of these battlefileds. But stronger than this, I feel that it is important that they should not just be so listed, but legally protected by statute, which I think means that it would be a criminal offence to interfere with the battlefields in any way.. In this way they would be protected by law for all time to insure against future development, damage and degradation. This is vital, two important reasons being both to protect Scotland's heritage and also economically because of the interests of tourism.

A number of people visit the site of the battle as I have noticed, since I can see the layby adjacent to the batlefield from our house. Ocassionally American visitors enquire from me the location of the battlefield.

I am quite happy for this email not to be treated confidentially, but to be used in any way you wish.

Your sincerely,

Dr. Lewis Stevens