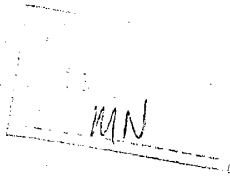


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Dear Sir/Ms,

Culloden Battlefield Site

The National Trust for Scotland has done well in its restoration effort at Culloden. The new Visitor Centre is magnificent in its conception and in its presentation of the circumstances of the battle and the artefacts from that day & time.

However, having read your Consultation Paper "HISTORIC BATTLEFIELDS" (just published) I am writing in response to the invitation in paragraph 7.2 to express two concerns and related queries.

Firstly it is evident that despite a feet re-routing of the B9006 to the north this road still runs through the ground on which the battle took place. Plaques at the northern end of both

the Hanoverian and Jacobite lines, erected by the National Trust, recognize this by recording that "At this point " (i.e. on the other side of the (B 9006) " stood " listing regiments which probably in total numbered some hundreds of men.

Having looked at the relevant Ordnance Survey map as well as walking along the stretch of B 9006 road on the northern perimeter of the existing NTS property I have not been able to note any private dwellings which would bar the road being created again to allow the Trust to acquire the whole area on which the battle took place, as befits such a significant, I would say, sacred place in Scottish history. It seems to me that such a step is essential to fulfill the aspirations about the nature of Scottish battlefields, Culloden specifically, and the attitude of Scottish Ministers as laid out in paragraphs 2.6 to 2.8 of the Consultation Paper. It is also essential to reverse the situation which prevails at Culloden, an instance of the "human actions that can diminish their value and potential " recognized of battlefields generally in paragraph 3.1 of the Report.

On 27th April my wife and I removed 120 empty cans and plastic bottles from the southern verge of the B9006 along the outside perimeter of National Trust property. We did not attempt to clear the northern verge or remove the many empty cigarette packets, crisp packets etc. also littering the roadside. The littering of this road is an outrage but understandable in the light of the prevalence of this irresponsible practice throughout Scotland. However it is imperative that something be done to stop the practice, bearing in mind that the road runs through not only a battlefield venerated by many Scots but a graveyard. At the very least and as a first step, appropriate signs should be erected at the western and eastern approaches to the battlefield on the B9006 and weekly rubbish collections carried out on these verges.

Yours sincerely,
Bill Macdonald.