

RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM: SCOTTISH HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT  
POLICY ON HISTORIC BATTLEFIELDS

Question 1:

*Yes, I agree that a policy for the protection and sustainable management of historic battlefields is necessary*

Question 2:

*Do you agree with the scope and definition?*

*To a degree, yes, but I would like further consideration given to sea battles (especially those where the site is known, for example near Largs). It would not be right to build a marine wind-farm on a known site.*

Question 3:

*Are there other reasons for valuing battlefields that should also be considered?*

*Not in my opinion.*

Question 4:

*Do you support the proposal to create a non-statutory Inventory of nationally important battlefields? If not, what alternative approaches should be considered?*

*Here I disagree with the proposals. The protection needs to be firmer and clearly enforceable. "Management by the planning system" is far from sufficient and opens significant vulnerability, for example to repeated attempts or a wait until the "system" becomes favourable. We should accept that a good number of sites need legal protection in a way that does not change with the prevailing political or planning climate. Thus, I would like to see statutory protection framed in law.*

Question 5:

*Should an Inventory of Historic Battlefields be given the same status currently enjoyed by Gardens and Designed Landscapes within the planning system (see Note 6)?*

*Stronger protection is required. In some cases a garden can be relocated, but not a battlefield.*

Question 6:

*Do you agree with the purpose of the proposed Inventory? If not, what changes would you suggest and why?*

*As well as raising awareness of the need for protection the Inventory should act to provide that protection.*

Question 7:

*Do you believe that the criteria set out in Annex A are suitable? If not, what alternative criteria would you suggest and why?*

*Yes- but the "and/ors" are very important and must not be removed. Not all of the first three points are necessary.*

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Question 8:

*Do you agree with the proposed definition of the area of interest? If not, what changes would you suggest and why?*

*Some flexibility is needed here. If there exists difference of opinion regarding the location of a site, it may be necessary to afford protection to both areas while a proper consensus is achieved.*

Question 9:

*Do you agree that policies are needed for both the overall area of the battlefield and specific areas within it?*

*Yes*

Question 10:

*Do you agree that best practice guidance would be useful? If so, who should lead in developing this? If not, what alternative approaches should be considered?*

*Yes – I'm not sure exactly who should lead but am concerned that a reasonable spread of expertise is included and the process is open to receive input from interested parties outside the core group.*

Question 11:

*Do you agree with the roles identified here? If not, what changes would you propose, and why? Are there other key stakeholders who have significant roles to play?*

*The role of the other key stakeholders is not clearly defined and should be. Not all will have the same role.*

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