

MUSSELBURGH MUSEUM COMMITTEE
The Old Town Hall, Musselburgh

SHEP on Battlefields
Historic Scotland
Room 2.9 Longmore House
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Dear Sir/Madam

Musselburgh Museum Committee is pleased to respond to the Historic Battlefields consultation as set out below.

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Responding on behalf of: Musselburgh Museum Committee

Yes, we are happy for our response to be made available.

Yes, we are happy to take part in further consultation.

Question 1

We strongly support a policy for the protection and sustainable management of historic battlefields.

Question 2

In general we agree with the definition but wondered whether the figure of 500 was too low.

We are also concerned about defining the area of land. An example for us is the Battle of Pinkie, which ranged over different areas around Musselburgh.

Question 3

While acknowledging the national importance of the battlefield, it is important also to recognise the local interest and importance to the communities within or adjacent to

the battlefields. For example, battles such as Prestonpans and Pinkie are of great historical importance to the local story also.

Questions 4, 5 & 6

Yes, we support the Inventory, its status and purpose.

Question 7

We are in general agreement with the criteria in Annex A.

Question 8

We agree with the definition. However, we would like to see in any guidance the opportunity to revisit a listing in the inventory if new evidence comes to light and a small part of a previously excluded site needs protecting.

Question 9

Yes, both are needed.

Question 10

Yes, we strongly agree with the need for best practice guidance and believe that Historic Scotland should take the lead.

Question 11

As well as the roles identified here, there are other local heritage and civic groups who might have a role in any consultation/development. An example in Musselburgh would be the Museum Committee, the Musselburgh Conservation Society and the Old Musselburgh Club who together have knowledge of, and a interest in developments that affect the town and its environs.

Additional comments

We note that this proposal is only for sites of national importance and more local sites will be left to planning authorities. We would welcome that any best practice guidance makes strong recommendations about how local sites and/or excluded sites should be treated.

Yours faithfully

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