

HS Consultation Response ref: ORK/WHS/009b
RESPONSE FORM:

HEART OF NEOLITHIC ORKNEY WORLD HERITAGE SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008–13

Please complete your name and address below and add your comments on the consultation beneath each question. Please return it with your respondent information form.
Thank you for your help.

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Question 1 Do you have any comments on the current Buffer Zone?	
This response relates to the SEA Environmental Report Please proceed to Question 14	
Question 2 Do you have any comments on the proposed Buffer Zones?	
Question 3 Do you have any comments on the Other Values of the World Heritage Site; is anything missing?	

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Question 4

Do you have any comments on the range of Stakeholders that have an interest in the World Heritage Site; are any missing?

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Question 5

Do you have any comments on the Evaluation of the Aims and Actions of the 2001 Management Plan; is anything missing?

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Question 6

Do you have any comments on The Vision or Long-term Aims for the World Heritage Site?

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Question 7

Do you have any comments on the Issues identified for the World Heritage Site over the next

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five years; is anything missing?

Question 8

What in your opinion is/are the Issue(s) of the highest priority and why?

Question 9

Do you think that there any issues in the Management Plan that may affect an equality group (age, disability, religion and belief, gender, LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender), race); if so, how, and what can be done to mitigate them?

Question 10

Do you have any comments on any of the specific Objectives, how they relate to the Issues and how they have been prioritised?

Question 11

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Do you have any comments on how any of the specific Objectives will be monitored?

No comments

Question 12

Do you have any general comments about how the Management Plan will be implemented and progress reported?

No comments

Question 13

Do you have any other comments about the Management Plan that you have not covered in your responses to other questions?

No comments.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

Question 14

Do you have any comments on the baseline information, or the environmental problems/issues?

The Orkney Local Biodiversity Action Plan 2008 is one of the other Plans Programmes and Strategies listed. Whilst the 2008 plan is the latest version of the LBAP, it is additional to and does not replace the original Orkney LBAP which was produced in 2002. The 2008 plan focuses on 10 of the Habitat Action Plans (HAPs) listed in the 2002 LBAP and introduces new sets of actions for these HAPs for the period 2008-2011. The original plan remains relevant and contains a great deal of information relating to these and the remaining habitats and species which are present in Orkney.

Stromness Heaths and Coast is also designated as an SAC

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Question 15

Do you have any comments on the approach taken for the environmental assessment?

It is clear and easy to follow.

Question 16

Do you agree with the results of the environmental assessment? Have we identified the key issues?

Yes I do agree with the results of the environmental assessment and I feel that the key issues have been identified and, where appropriate, mitigation measures suggested.

Protection of the WHS, in particular Skara Brae, is likely to be affected by climate change if, as is forecast, the changes to our climate include increased storminess and rising sea levels.

Question 17

Do you have any comments on the environmental mitigation measures, including the schedule of commitments?

I consider that the environmental mitigation measures are appropriate. Individual projects are likely to have the greatest potential for impact upon biodiversity and the Plan clearly states that these will be subject to EIA.

I am pleased that early consultation will be sought with the partners and SEPA on proposals to address coastal erosion at Skara Brae.

Question 18

Do you have any comments on the proposed additional environmental monitoring indicators?

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I consider that effects on biodiversity, fauna and flora have been addressed where necessary and I will be interested to see the results of biodiversity monitoring.