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

Scottish Historic Environment Policy – Historic Battlefields

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in Scotland (RICS Scotland) has noted the above consultation paper and is grateful for the opportunity to participate in this debate.

RICS Scotland is the principal body representing professionals employed in the land, property and construction sectors. The Institution represents some 10,000 members: 7,800 chartered surveyors, 200 technical members and 2,000 students and trainees. Our members practise in sixteen land, property and construction markets and are employed in private practice, in central and local government, in public agencies, in academic institutions, in business organisations and in non-governmental organisations. As part of its Royal Charter, the Institution has a commitment to provide advice to the government of the day and, in doing so, has an obligation to bear in mind the public interest as well as the interests of its members. RICS Scotland is therefore in a unique position to provide a balanced, apolitical perspective on issues of importance to the land, property and construction sectors.

RICS Scotland would like to make the following comments.

We suggest that the Inventory should include more than the larger battle sites and should also include all sieges, riots etc, historical turning points or stepping stones of national or local relevance.

The list should do no more than assist the use of existing planning processes and protection measures as identified in section 3.3.

On behalf of RICS Scotland, I hope that these comments are helpful and should you wish any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully



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