

**Question 1:**

Do you agree that a policy for the protection and sustainable management of historic battlefields is necessary? If not, what alternative course of action would you suggest, and why?

**No and None.**

**Question 2:**

Do you agree with the scope and definition? If not, what changes would you propose and why?

**No. It is impossible to accurately define a battlefield let alone a historic battlefield. Without research and detailed interpretation battlefields are difficult to understand and are often truncated fragments of what was left. There is no clear funding for such research and it would be appropriate to allow, where requested, controlled development as a mechanism to allow funded research on a site.**

**Question 3:**

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

**No.**

**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?

**No. No alternatives to present position are necessary. The creation of a register offers heightened recognition of battlefields leading to much increased illicit metal detecting reducing the quantity of surviving artifacts. A register offers protection only from development, ploughing will continue to erode the site and transform the original landscape. (refer to my response to Q2 for the benefits of controlled development of a site).**

**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)?

**No.**

**Question 6:**

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

**No. Do we need to continue to glorify selected battles and wars?**

**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?

**Not applicable in light of answers to other questions above.**

**Question 8:**

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

**Yes.**

**Question 9:**

Do you agree that policies are needed for both the overall area of the battlefield and specific areas within it? If not, what changes would you suggest and why?

**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. However certainly not government, related agencies and local authorities. Perhaps a body made up of leading archaeologists and representatives of developers based in Scotland.**

**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?

**Yes**

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