

# THE ARCHAEOLOGY FORUM

*a grouping of independent bodies concerned with archaeology*

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Dear Ms. Rawlins,

## **CONSULTATION ON LIST OF STATUTORY CONSULTEES FOR NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS**

The Archaeology Forum (TAF) is a grouping of the key, non-governmental organisations concerned with archaeology in the UK. Its members include the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers UK, the Council for British Archaeology, the Institute of Conservation, the Institute for Archaeologists, the National Trust, the National Trust for Scotland, Rescue, the Society of Antiquaries of London, the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, the Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers, and the Society of Museum Archaeologists UK.

TAF is pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to the Department for Communities and Local Government's consultation on the list of statutory consultees for National Policy Statements and responds as follows to the specific consultation question

**Do you agree that the draft Regulations capture the organisations which the Secretary of State should be legally obliged to consult before designating a statement as a National Policy Statement? If not, what changes would you make to the list of organisations?**

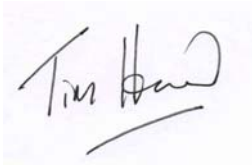
TAF welcomes the identification of English Heritage (identified as 'the Historic Buildings Commission for England' in Table 1 to the draft Regulations) and Cadw as statutory consultees 'where any NPS is likely to affect historic buildings or the historic environment', but endorses the submissions made by two of its constituent members, the Council for British

Archaeology (dated the 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2009) and the Institute for Archaeologists (dated the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2009) to the effect that:

- Historic Scotland should be added to Table 1 as a statutory consultee
- column 3 of Table 1 should be amended to make clear that English Heritage, Historic Scotland and Cadw should each be consulted not only where any NPS is likely to affect historic buildings or the historic environment on land in England, Scotland and Wales respectively, but also where any NPS is likely to affect the marine historic environment within each nation's respective territorial waters.
- the Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies should be added to Table 1 as a consultee where any NPS is likely to affect historic buildings in England and Wales.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this consultation and we look forward to contributing further to the forthcoming consultations on draft regulations and guidance under the Planning Act.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Howard', with a horizontal line underneath.

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IfA on behalf of the Archaeology Forum

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The Council for British Archaeology  
The Institute of Conservation  
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The National Trust  
The National Trust for Scotland*

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