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Dear Mr Hughes

Consultation on the Establishment of a Register of Historic Battlefields in Wales

Thank you for including English Heritage in your consultation on your proposed Register of Historic Battlefields. The English Battlefields Register has been in place since 1995 and numbers 43 sites. We are currently preparing updated criteria for inclusion on our new Register and it is of interest to hear of any developments in this field by our sister organisations.

Battlefields have proven their potential to arouse particular public interest as dramatic events in history, through re-enactment and through commemoration. Yet they are frequently difficult to define precisely in spatial terms and their physical remains can frequently be very slight. We very much recognise the issues which you have highlighted regarding the challenges of mapping and the roles of historical associations, physical remains and landscape interpretation.

As you are aware, the English Register is specifically focused on formal battles between arrayed armies and we fully understand your reasoning for operating a wider definition of conflict sites for your Register. We suspect that this will offer differing challenges and opportunities than those which we have encountered and, in the future, we look forward to exchanging experience of curating and managing our respective Registers.

Yours sincerely

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