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To Whom It May Concern:

Local Spending Reports: Proposals for Second Report Consultation

English Heritage welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Local Spending Reports consultation, published March 2010.

English Heritage's role

English Heritage is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, with our funding agreement signed by CLG and DEFRA. We work in partnership with central government departments, local authorities, voluntary bodies and the private sector to conserve and enhance the historic environment, broaden public access to our cultural heritage, and increase people's understanding and appreciation of the past.

We are the UK Government's statutory adviser and a statutory consultee on all aspects of the historic environment and its heritage assets. This includes archaeology on land and under water, historic buildings sites and areas, designated landscapes and the historic elements of the wider landscape. *Conservation Principles*¹ sets out the guidelines for engagement with the historic environment which have informed Planning Policy Statement 5 (PPS5).

General position

English Heritage supports the proposals within the consultation for us to make details of expenditure available at a regional level as this is the level at which we make spending decisions.

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¹ <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.9181>

ENGLISH HERITAGE RESPONSE

1 Do you agree with the proposed scope of this report? In particular,

- *Bodies covered;*

We agree that the bodies list of bodies captured should include English Heritage.

- *Expenditure covered (and how this is specified);*

We agree that the expenditure covered is appropriate for English Heritage.

- *Areas covered (i.e. spatial/geographical coverage)*

We support the current proposals outlined in the consultation document. for us to make details of expenditure available at a regional level as this is the level at which we make spending decisions

- *Period covered*

We agree that the proposals for the periods covered are appropriate.

2 What links to other data sources should we try and make in future Local Spending Reports

No comment

3 In your opinion, will the second Local Spending Report create a new burden or cost or reduce burdens or costs for you or your organisation? In what way? Can you quantify these costs?

As currently worded, the proposals will not result in a significant additional cost for English Heritage. However, were we required to provide data at a local level, that situation is likely to change (though we have not yet calculated precise costs).

4 How could Local Spending Reports help you and how would you use this information?

No comment

5 How useful do you find the presentation of the first Local Spending Reports on the Places database and could it be improved?

No comment

6 As stated, we see the provision of expenditure information in the longer term future as a product of data being exchanged from all levels – the very local, the regional and the national – in a standards-based portal approach which allows everyone to examine that data against other information. Given the principles outlined in this paper, and bearing in mind that Government is not best placed to provide all data, what further data would you like to see made available by other bodies in any future portal?

No comment

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