

FORCE FOR OUR FUTURE: LOCAL AUTHORITY HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT IMPLEMENTATION POINTS
TABLE 1 FULL RECOMMENDATIONS

Action Point	Local Authority Action
1. The historic environment will become part of the remit of Green Ministers.	To be welcomed, but no direct involvement
2. The DCMS, as lead sponsor Department, will involve the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, and the DEFRA, in discussions about the strategic direction of English Heritage and the HLF.	Specific mention of local government is welcomed. Not a resource issue but something to which local government has a direct interest (Medium priority)
3. The DCMS will work with the devolved administrations to ensure that, where appropriate, the United Kingdom's interests in international fora are properly represented	Not applicable.
4. The Government looks to local authorities to adopt a positive approach to the management of the historic environment within their area and monitoring its condition. It urges them to appoint champions for the historic environment within their management structures and to ensure that elected members have access to training in respect of the historic environment wherever it is needed	A key recommendation for local authorities. Should be followed up with more specific guidance. Local authorities should designate at Councillor and Officer level and make the role explicit. (High priority)
5. As part of its regular series of Quinquennial reviews, the Government is examining the role and functions of English Heritage	Local government has a role as key 'customer' but not a direct resource issue. (Low priority)
6. The Government has commissioned English Heritage to formulate a five-year strategy for the development of effective working relationships both within the historic environment sector and with other relevant interests	An important action for local government as EH needs to improve its working relationship with local government, especially at the strategic/policy level. This was discussed in a recent meeting between ALGAO and S. Thurley. (High priority)
7. The Government has asked English Heritage to produce a pilot Historic Environment Report during 2002	Already this has significant implications for local government, and is likely to be a very important determinant of data collection in local authority historic environment services. Its potential importance can not be underestimated . (High priority)
8. The Government has commissioned English Heritage to frame a coordinated approach to research across the historic environment sector, with the aim of ensuring that needs are clearly identified, priorities established and duplication avoided	Local government is working in partnership with English Heritage to deliver this objective. (Medium priority)

9. The Government will produce a consultation paper on a range of options for enhancing Sites and Monuments Records in the summer of 2002.

Local government is working in partnership to deliver this objective. The outcome of the consultation is likely to have significant resource implications for local government direct involvement in policy & implementation. **(High priority)**

10. The Government will work with English Heritage and the Learning and Skills Council to increase opportunities for those who wish to take their interests in the historic environment further, for example through further and higher education, or vocational courses	Need to work in partnership with local authorities, which have similar objectives. (Low priority)
11. The Government will explore with English Heritage how best to develop initiatives such as Heritage Open Days and whether this approach might now be extended to the historic environment as a whole in the form of an annual Historic Environment Week	Some direct LA involvement with Heritage Open Days although Co-ordinated by Civic Trust. (Low priority)
12. The Government will at an early opportunity consider, in consultation with relevant outside interests, how the principle of encouraging children to visit national museums and galleries by providing free access might be extended to the historic environment sector	Minimal direct involvement, but the implications for local authority museums need to be considered (Low priority)
13. The Government encourages historic environment organisations to get involved in the Creative Partnerships Programme	Indirect involvement only.
14. The Government will work with the Commission for Architecture & the Built Environment to ensure the widest possible circulation of its publications <i>Our Street: Learning to See</i> and <i>From One Street to Another</i>	Not applicable.
15. The Government has asked English Heritage to explore the possibility of producing a document for the historic environment comparable to <i>Moving Images in the Classroom</i>	Not applicable.
16. English Heritage will work closely with Culture Online in unlocking the potential of e-learning	Local government, as the main provider of school education, needs to be directly involved (Medium priority)
17. The Government fully supports the project to assess the provision of learning opportunities within the historic environment sector and hopes that it will act as a catalyst for the further development of historic environment education	Ditto. (Low priority) .
18. English Heritage will work closely with its partners to develop the place of education within the historic environment sector. The Government will propose targets for increased activity in this area in EH's funding agreements for 2002-03	Ditto, and some direct involvement of local gov. historic environment services (Medium priority)
19. EH will coordinate the work of the Building Skills Action Group, the Craft Skills Forum and the Construction Industry Training Board and other interests to ensure a coherent approach to meeting skills requirements.	Some v.limited LA involvement mainly via Education Business Partnerships not LPAs (Low priority)
20. The Government is exploring with the Learning and Skills Council how some planned Centres of Vocational Excellence could specialise in skills relevant to the historic environment	Not applicable.

21. The Government will encourage grant-givers to give a degree of priority to training in conservation craft skills	Not applicable.
22. The Government has asked English Heritage to work with one or two major education providers to develop courses which will match the skills required within the historic environment sector.	Not applicable.

<p>23. The Government will publish in conjunction with this Statement a new policy document <i>People and Places: a draft social inclusion policy for the built and historic environment</i>, and convene a major conference on the role the historic environment can play in combating social exclusion</p>	<p>Local government should work in partnership with Government on this as the social inclusion agenda is shared and there is much good practice in this area undertaken by local authority historic environment services. (Medium priority)</p>
<p>24. The Government will publish <i>Planning and Accessibility: A Good Practice Guide</i> on planning and access for disabled people to help local authorities, developers and others to achieve a more consistent approach to disabled access</p>	<p>Only as a consequence of outcomes by others. DDA etc not within direct remit or competence (Low priority)</p>
<p>25. The Government urges the sector at both national and local level to get together with the operators of local information websites to develop the opportunities for disseminating intelligence about the historic environment</p>	<p>There is much good practice carried out by local authorities in this area. It will grow in importance via implementation of e-government and through HLF projects. (Low priority)</p>
<p>26. The Government will work with the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment to explore ways in which best practice models of engaging people and communities in issues relating to their local built environment might be developed</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p>27. The Government is discussing with English Heritage and the Local Government Association how the Blue Plaque scheme can be extended</p>	<p>Under development. Limited geographical coverage. (Low priority)</p>
<p>28. The Government wants to ensure that local policy-making on the historic environment takes proper account of the value a community places on particular aspects of its immediate environment. The Government commends character assessment to local authorities both as a useful tool in itself and as a way of encouraging greater involvement by local communities in conservation issues</p>	<p>Key policy building block. Less than 25% of CAs covered by thorough best-practice assessment. Major resourcing issue. Required to form part of Local Development Framework. Updated English Heritage advice also needed. Support required through Planning Development Grant.. Also needs to include historic landscape characterisation and other character studies (High priority)</p>
<p>29. The Government remains fully committed to the policy principles set out in PPGs 15 and 16 (paragraph 4.5)</p>	<p>A key commitment that has policy and resource implications for local government historic environment services. (High priority)</p>
<p>30. The Government remains firmly committed to the maintenance of an effective framework of statutory protection for all elements of the historic environment.</p>	<p>Ditto (High priority)</p>
<p>31. The Government will initiate a review of the case for integrating the present array of heritage controls into a single regime (paragraph 4.8)</p>	<p>Implications unclear but could be significant dependant upon outcome (e.g. arrangements for listed building and</p>

	scheduled monument controls) (High priority)
32. The Government will invite the Commission for Architecture & The Built Environment to put forward its views on all post-war listing proposals (paragraph 4.8)	Not applicable.
33. The Government will work closely with English Heritage in researching the current impact of management agreements and their further potential (paragraph 4.9)	Involvement of relevant local authorities. Good practice dissemination via English Heritage. (Medium priority)

<p>34. The Government is working towards completion of Management Plans for England's eleven World Heritage Sites by the end of 2002 (paragraph 4.10)</p>	<p>Involvement of specific WHS LPAs – good practice dissemination via English Heritage, ICOMOS etc. Limited application (Low priority)</p>
<p>35. The Government will undertake a further review of the ecclesiastical exemption and will also bring forward a new Ecclesiastical Exemption Order to make permanent provision for Anglican peculiars and the various other special cases which retained the exemption on an interim basis following the 1994 exemption reform (paragraph 4.1.1)</p>	<p>Limited to cases requiring specific LPA consent unless regime modified. Awaiting Designation Review. (Low priority)</p>
<p>36. The Government commends English Heritage's publication <i>Informed Conservation: Understanding historic buildings and their landscapes for conservation</i>. The Government fully endorses the increasing importance attached to the preventative maintenance of historic fabric. The Government will explore how this might be reflected in English Heritage's grant programmes (paragraphs 4.1.2 and 4.1.3).</p>	<p>Incorporation of <i>Informed Conservation</i> into good practice. Preventative maintenance incorporated into BAR Strategies & asset Management. (Medium, priority)</p>
<p>37. The role of Ministerial Design Champions will be extended to include the care of any historic estate for which the Government Department concerned is directly responsible (paragraph 4.15);</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p>38. English Heritage will issue advice to local authorities on the care of historic buildings, ancient monuments, historic gardens, parks and designed landscapes in their ownership (paragraph 4.17);</p>	<p>Implementation of advice when available. Could have significant implications (Medium priority)</p>
<p>39. The proposed removal of the Crown's current exemption from planning control will be extended to the listed building, scheduled monument consent and conservation area regimes (paragraph 4.18);</p>	<p>Applicable when removed. Interim 'informal' procedures in place. (Low priority)</p>
<p>40. The Government is introducing an interim grant scheme which will have the effect of reducing to 5% the VAT rate of 17.5% for repairs to listed buildings of worship. This will come into operation by the end of 2001 and grants will be available for repairs begun on or after 1 April 2001 (paragraph 4.21).</p>	<p>No direct involvement.</p>
<p>41. The Government will make resources available to support further assessment of the scope for private sector funding. It hopes that other organisations within the sector will make a similar commitment, so that the work can go forward in partnership. (Paragraph 4.23)</p>	<p>No direct involvement.</p>
<p>42. In order to secure the maximum benefit from the Rural Development Programme and the LEADER+ programme, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and English Heritage will continue to work closely together (paragraph 4.28)</p>	<p>Need to work in partnership with local authorities (Low priority)</p>

<p>43. One of the Royal Parks Agency's key objectives, following its change of status to Non-Departmental Public Body in April 2002, will be to take a lead in raising standards of training in conservation and maintenance of public parks (paragraph 4.33).</p>	<p>No direct involvement. Some crossover of best-practice advice?</p>
<p>44. The Government looks to English Heritage to ensure that the necessary high standards are maintained in the examination and recording of archaeological sites (paragraph 4.35).</p>	<p>A key action for local government, as historic environment services will be the principal agents who implement any standards (High priority)</p>
<p>45. The Government will extend the definition of treasure in the Treasure Act 1996 to cover hoards of prehistoric base-metal objects, thereby giving protection to an important new category of finds (paragraph 4.36).</p>	<p>Some minimal impact on local government historic environment services. (Low priority)</p>
<p>46. The Government will examine the marine archaeology legislation as part of the review of statutory controls (paragraph 4.38);</p>	<p>Potentially a significant impact for maritime local authorities (High priority)</p>
<p>47. The Government will see the earliest legislative opportunity to extend English Heritage's remit to include the seabed out to the 12-mile limit of territorial sea around the coast of England (paragraph 4.39)</p>	
<p>48. The United Kingdom will be a fully committed member of the World Heritage Committee and will play a full and constructive part in other international fora (paragraph 4.43);</p>	<p>No direct involvement.</p>
<p>49. The Government is considering additional measures to combat the illicit trade in art and antiquities, including a new criminal offence of trading in illegally removed cultural goods. It is also planning a campaign to raise awareness of these issues.</p>	<p>Some direct involvement from local authorities in its implementation (Medium priority)</p>
<p>50. The <i>State of the Historic Environment Report</i> will provide an analysis of the pressures facing the historic environment, as well as its contribution to tourism and economic regeneration (paragraph 5.4);</p>	<p>Potentially a significant implication for local authorities in provision of statistics. (Medium priority)</p>
<p>51. The Government will work with English Heritage to establish an Historic Attraction Advisory Unit, to draw together best practice and advice from across the sector on issues such as marketing, visitor management, customer care and conservation (paragraph 5.6)</p>	<p>Should work in partnership with local authorities, who also maintain visitor attractions (Low priority)</p>
<p>52. The Government strongly commends the development of management plans for historic visitor attractions (paragraph 5.9)</p>	<p>No direct involvement</p>
<p>53. The Government encourages Local Authorities and Local Strategic Partnerships, in preparing their community strategies, to consider the role of the historic environment in promoting economic, employment and educational opportunities within the locality (paragraph 5.13);</p>	<p>Critical issue requiring ODPM/DCMS direct A high priority advice to ensure input. Not currently evident. (High priority)</p>
<p>54. The Government will seek the earliest legislative opportunity to extend English</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

Heritage's powers to enable it to export its own skills and knowledge (paragraph 5.17)

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TABLE 2 LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION PRIORITIES

Action Point	Local Authority Action	Action taken by....	Timetable
High Priority			
<p>4. The Government looks to local authorities to adopt a positive approach to the management of the historic environment within their area and monitoring its condition. It urges them to appoint champions for the historic environment within their management structures and to ensure that elected members have access to training in respect of the historic environment wherever it is needed</p>	<p>A key recommendation for local authorities. Should be followed up with more specific guidance. Local authorities should designate at Councillor and Officer level and make the role explicit.</p>		
<p>6. The Government has commissioned English Heritage to formulate a five-year strategy for the development of effective working relationships both within the historic environment sector and with other relevant interests</p>	<p>An important action for local government as EH needs to improve its working relationship with local government, especially at the strategic/policy level. This was discussed in a recent meeting between ALGAO and S.Thurley.</p>		
<p>7. The Government has asked English Heritage to produce a pilot Historic Environment Report during 2002</p>	<p>Already this has significant implications for local government, and is likely to be a very important determinant of data collection in local authority historic environment services. Its potential importance can not be underestimated .</p>		
<p>9. The Government will produce a consultation paper on a range of options for enhancing Sites and Monuments Records in the summer of 2002.</p>	<p>Local government is working in partnership to deliver this objective. The outcome of the consultation is likely to have significant resource implications for local government direct involvement in policy & implementation.</p>		
<p>28. The Government wants to ensure that local policy-making on the historic environment takes proper account of the value a community places on particular aspects of its immediate environment. The</p>	<p>Key policy building block. Less than 25% of C.A.s covered by thorough best-practice assessment. Major resourcing issue. Required to form part of Local Development Framework. Updated English Heritage advice also needed. Support required</p>		

Government commends character assessment to local authorities both as a useful tool in itself and as a way of encouraging greater involvement by local communities in conservation issues	through Planning Development Grant.. Also needs to include historic landscape characterisation and other character studies.		
29. The Government remains fully committed to the policy principles set out in PPGs 15 and 16 (paragraph 4.5)	A key commitment that has policy and resource implications for local government historic environment services.		
30. The Government remains firmly committed to the maintenance of an effective framework of statutory protection for all elements of the historic environment.	Ditto.		
31. The Government will initiate a review of the case for integrating the present array of heritage controls into a single regime (paragraph 4.8)	Implications unclear but could be significant dependant upon outcome (e.g. arrangements for listed building and scheduled monument controls).		
44. The Government looks to English Heritage to ensure that the necessary high standards are maintained in the examination and recording of archaeological sites (paragraph 4.35).	A key action for local government, as historic environment services will be the principal agents who implement any standards.		
46. The Government will examine the marine archaeology legislation as part of the review of statutory controls (paragraph 4.38);	Potentially a significant impact for maritime local authorities.		
Medium Priorities			
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8. The Government has commissioned English Heritage to frame a coordinated approach to research across the historic environment sector, with the aim of ensuring that needs are clearly identified, priorities established and duplication avoided	Local government is working in partnership with English Heritage to deliver this objective.		
16. English Heritage will work closely with Culture	Local government, as the main provider of school education,		

<p>Online in unlocking the potential of e-learning</p>	<p>needs to be directly involved.</p>	
<p>18. English Heritage will work closely with its partners to develop the place of education within the historic environment sector. The Government will propose targets for increased activity in this area in EH's funding agreements for 2002-03</p>	<p>Ditto, and some direct involvement of local gov. historic environment service.</p>	
<p>23. The Government will publish in conjunction with this Statement a new policy document <i>People and Places: a draft social inclusion policy for the built and historic environment</i>, and convene a major conference on the role the historic environment can play in combating social exclusion</p>	<p>Local government should work in partnership with Government on this as the social inclusion agenda is shared and there is much good practice in this area undertaken by local authority historic environment services.</p>	

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38. English Heritage will issue advice to local authorities on the care of historic buildings, ancient monuments, historic gardens, parks and designed landscapes in their ownership (paragraph 4.17);	Implementation of advice when available. Could have significant implication.	
49. The Government is considering additional measures to combat the illicit trade in art and antiquities, including a new criminal offence of trading in illegally removed cultural goods. It is also planning a campaign to raise awareness of these issues.	Some direct involvement from local authorities in its implementation through enforcement.	
50. The <i>State of the Historic Environment Report</i> will provide an analysis of the pressures facing the historic environment, as well as its contribution to tourism and economic regeneration (paragraph 5.4);	Potentially a significant implication for local authorities in provision of statistics.	
Low Priorities		
5. As part of its regular series of Quinquennial reviews, the Government is examining the role and functions of English Heritage	Local government has a role as key 'customer' but not a direct resource issue.	
10. The Government will work with English Heritage	Need to work in partnership with local authorities, which have	