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Dear Miles,

Consultation on an Industrial Heritage Strategy for Scotland: Second Draft

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this consultation.

The Chartered Institute for Archaeologists

The Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (ClfA) is the leading professional body representing archaeologists working in the UK and overseas. We promote high professional standards and strong ethics in archaeological practice, to maximise the benefits that archaeologists bring to society, and provide a self-regulatory quality assurance framework for the sector and those it serves.

ClfA has over 3,250 members and more than 70 registered practices across the United Kingdom. Its members work in all branches of the discipline: heritage management, planning advice, excavation, finds and environmental study, buildings recording, underwater and aerial archaeology, museums, conservation, survey, research and development, teaching and liaison with the community, industry and the commercial and financial sectors.

ClfA's Scottish Group has over 250 members practising in the public, private and voluntary sector in Scotland. Furthermore, ClfA is a member of the Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS), a network organisation that brings together non-governmental organisations and professional bodies that work with Scotland's built environment.

An Industrial Heritage Strategy for Scotland: Second Draft

General

CIfA welcomes the further development of a strategy for Scotland's industrial heritage, highlighting its importance and the need to understand, value and promote it. The draft strategy helpfully identifies the contribution of industrial heritage to the Outcomes in Scottish Government's National Performance Framework, making clear its relationship with Government's Historic Environment Strategy: *Our Place in Time*.

However, the focus of much of the draft strategy is upon museum-curated objects and collections. These are important components of the strategy, but the draft does not fully embrace industrial landscapes in all their rich variety (which includes warehousing and workers' housing as noted in the TICCIH Charter) and the wide range of archaeological remains, nor the information which they contain. A greater emphasis upon such aspects of industrial heritage would be welcomed.

Such concerns, which are elaborated below, should not detract from our support for the emerging strategy, but, if addressed, would greatly strengthen it.

Specific Comments

Under Section 1.1: *'Industrial Heritage also has the potential to complement a number of strands and initiatives within the Culture Sector in Scotland, notably the Historic Environment Strategy, Our Place in Time (2014).*

Although the Industrial Heritage Strategy should complement the Historic Environment Strategy, industrial heritage, itself, should be an integral part of strands and initiatives in the *Our Place in Time* and not just complement them.

Under Section 1.3: *'Provide a framework to maximise the benefits that industrial heritage can deliver in terms of Scottish Government priorities and the Historic Environment Strategy*

It would be helpful to refer to the emerging Archaeology Strategy in this bullet point. Although reference is made to the Archaeology Strategy later in the document (in section 3.4) we would like to see greater prominence given to it throughout the draft.

Under Section 1.4: Objectives

These are too object and collection-biased with little to say about landscapes and non-manufacturing sites.

Moreover, the priority to *Understand – Investigate & Record* in *Our Place in Time* appears to be reflected in the draft strategy's objectives primarily through seeking to understand how representative or otherwise the designations are, and the priority to *Value - Share & Celebrate* finds expression in the draft largely through a desire to use assets better to explain our existing knowledge of the past. What is not brought clearly into focus is the importance of using Scotland's industrial heritage to help us learn new things about Scotland's industrial past. There is much that we do not know about the industrial past (as ScARF has highlighted) and industrial heritage can be used to answer those questions. In order to do this, the promotion of research should be given greater prominence in the strategy.

Under Section 1.5: Audience

It would be helpful if this section expanded a little more on the wider commercial heritage sector (whose activities could also be reflected in section 2.4 on value).

Under Section 2.5: Baseline Data

Wider consideration is needed of the full range of archaeological remains (both buried and above-ground and designated and undesignated).

Under Section 6.2: Core Themes – Understand – Investigate & Record

See comments under section 1.4.

Under Section 6.2: Core Themes - Value –Share & Celebrate

See comments under section 1.4.

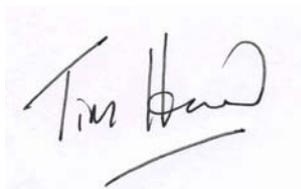
Under Section 6.2: Core Themes - Value –Share & Celebrate

- **Enhance participation**

Community archaeology should be identified (either here or elsewhere in the draft) as a key means to engage a wider cross-section of communities with the industrial past as has been the case in many parts of England.

CIfA would be happy further to contribute to the formulation of an Industrial Strategy for Scotland. In the meantime, if there is anything further that I can do to assist please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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

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