

## **Enhanced Advisory Services Consultation<sup>1</sup>**

### **1. What is your role?**

Other - heritage sector

### **2. Are you charged for services the right ones to facilitate growth without reducing protection?**

Yes, provided that the provision of the new services does not in practice undermine the continued provision of existing services. However, there may be other services which would also contribute to this objective.

### **3. Please rank the four services in order of attractiveness to you, with 1 being the most valuable.**

Extended Pre-application Advice	1
Screening Service	2
Fast-track Listing	3
Listing Enhancement	4

### **4. Can you foresee any unintended consequences of the proposed Enhanced Advisory Services in your area of work?**

The primary concern is that the provision of the new services does not in practice undermine the continued provision of existing services.

### **5. Could you tell us which regions you or your clients are mainly active? Please tick all that apply.**

Not applicable

### **6. Are there any other additional services that you would like us to consider not covered by these proposals?**

Some consideration might be given as to whether it would be helpful to offer any enhanced advisory services in relation to scheduling, although it is appreciated that the scheduling and listing regimes are different and operate differently.

### **7. From the information available to you both in the above questions and on our website, how well would you say you understood the services that we are proposing to introduce?**

Quite well

### **8. Finally, can you give us an overall assessment of whether or not you are generally supportive of the proposed Enhanced Advisory Services?**

Yes

**9. Are there any other comments you would like to add in order to help us with our proposals?**

Ideally the provision of services by Historic England should be prioritised by reference to the 'needs' of the heritage asset, rather than by the ability or willingness of owners or other interested parties to pay. However, given the financial constraints under which public bodies currently operate, the introduction of an enhanced advisory service is a sensible and pragmatic solution provided that

- it does not lead to a reduced level of service for heritage assets where owners or other interested parties are unable or unwilling to pay
- mechanisms exist to ensure that the provision of services by Historic England can be expedited in appropriate cases regardless of the ability of owners or other interested parties to pay. For instance, the indication in the accompanying FAQs that '*Sites on a published Heritage at Risk Register ...will be exempt from any cost-recovery charges*' is welcomed.

Although ClfA in principle supports these proposals, some of the details are not wholly clear. For example

- will the fast-track listing service include applications to de-list?
- to what extent, if any, will archaeological interest (whether above-ground or below-ground) be considered in the provision of extended pre-application advice?
- although the proposed screening service '*will not include ... an assessment of below ground archaeology*', how will such a service deal with archaeological interest above-ground (for instance, in relation to buildings and other structures)?

**10. Thank you for taking part in the Enhanced Advisory Services Consultation, please enter your email address below if you would like to receive further information about these services in the future**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/our-planning-services/enhanced-advisory-services-consultation/>