**REGISTERED ORGANISATION APPLICATION FORM**

**Stewardship/archaeological advice by historic environment services**

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**How to complete this form**

This form is supplementary to the main RO application form, the information provided will form the basis of your inspection report. It will help the inspection panel prepare for their visit. Refer to the [Registration of organisations: additional guidance](https://www.archaeologists.net/formsandguidance) while completing the form.

Within this application form “project design” is used as a universal term for the document that sets out how the archaeological work will be conducted. This document may be called something different depending on the jurisdiction of the work.

If you would like a copy of your previous application form to assist, please get in touch with us to request a copy: [ellen.mcnamara@archaeologists.net](mailto:ellen.mcnamara@archaeologists.net)

**Stewardship/archaeological advice by historic environment services[[1]](#endnote-2)**

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| **Does your organisation have the following? (*Please make available on request*)** | **Yes** | **No** | **NA** |
| HER users’ manual and/or data standard |  |  |  |
| HER data audits |  |  |  |
| Policy on access and charging for HERs |  |  |  |
| HER Disaster Plan (compulsory for organisations with an HER) |  |  |  |
| Procedures for maintaining records of advice given and monitoring outcomes |  |  |  |
| Guidelines for the preparation of briefs or specifications |  |  |  |
| Guidelines for monitoring and compliance with standards |  |  |  |
| Management advice and advice on agri-environment schemes |  |  |  |
| Input to Local Development Frameworks and Regional Spatial Strategy policies, and other statutory and national policies (eg AONB, forestry, utilities) |  |  |  |
| Policy on using regional research frameworks, where they exist |  |  |  |
| Archaeological handbook |  |  |  |
| Other policies, guidelines, or manuals (please specify)  Click or tap here to enter text. |  |  |  |
| **If your organisation does not have one or more of the above, please explain why.**  Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |

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| **If your organisation specifies/requires work, does it require/recommend that the work is done by CIfA Registered Organisations? Require  Recommend** |
| **If neither, please give reasons** |

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| **Does your organisation ensure that project designs [[2]](#endnote-3)comply with the relevant CIfA Standards and guidance? *(Project design is used as a universal term for the document that sets out how the archaeological work will be conducted. This document may be called something different depending on the jurisdiction of the work)***  **Yes  No** |

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| **If yes, what steps does your organisation take to address project designs that don’t meet CIfA Standards and guidance?** |
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| **If your organisation monitors historic environment work,** **how does it ensure that the work undertaken is of appropriate quality / fit for purpose?** |
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| **If your organisation monitors historic environment work,** **how does it address issues where the work has not been undertaken to the agreed project design or is not fit for purpose?** |
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| **When your organisation gives advice to a planning authority, how does it ensure that it complies with national and local guidance?** |
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| **What measures does your organisation have in place to manage consistency in advice responses and monitoring?** |
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| **When your organisation gives advice how does it review its effectiveness?** |
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| **If your organisation includes an SMR or HER, has it been subject to an HER data audit?**  **Yes  No** |

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| **If not, is there a programme of work in place to achieve this?**  **Yes  No** |

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| **If it has been subject to an HER data audit, what were the recommendations and how are they being implemented?** |
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| **How does your organisation ensure public access to the HER or information about the historic environment?** |
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| **How does your organisation require opportunities for public participation and engagement to be incorporated into project designs or projects?** |
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| **How does your organisation monitor the delivery of post-excavation assessment, analysis and publication to fulfil the agreed project design?** |
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| **If there are delays in delivery of analysis and publication phases how does your organisation address this?** |
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| **How does your organisation track the deposition of physical and digital archives in line with the requirements of the agreed project design?** |
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| **If there are delays in the deposition of physical and digital archives how does your organisation address this?** |
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1. Standard and guidance for stewardship for the historic environment/Standard and guidance for archaeological advice by historic environment services [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
2. Project design is used as a universal term for the document that sets out how the archaeological work will be conducted. This document may be called something different depending on the jurisdiction of the work eg WSI, Programme of Works etc [↑](#endnote-ref-3)