

Date: 8 May 2015

Subject: Consultation on the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill

Dear Sir/Madam

The [Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee](#) is undertaking an inquiry into the general principles of the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill.

Further details about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum can be found on the Assembly's website:

<http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=12573>

The Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism gave an introductory statement on the Bill in plenary on 5 May 2015. The record of proceedings can be accessed at:

<http://www.assembly.wales/en/bus-home/pages/rop.aspx?meetingid=3161&assembly=4&c=Record of Proceedings#214604>



Terms of reference

The terms of reference for the Committee's inquiry are:

To consider—

- the general principles of the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill and the need for legislation with the aim of:
- giving more effective protection to listed buildings and scheduled monuments;
- enhancing existing mechanisms for the sustainable management of the historic environment;
- introducing greater transparency and accountability into decisions taken on the historic environment.
- any potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions and whether the Bill takes account of them,
- whether there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill,
- the financial implications of the Bill (as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum),
- the appropriateness of the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum).

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee would like to invite you to submit written evidence to assist in its consideration of the Bill. It would be helpful if you could use the above terms of reference to frame your response. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies/schemes to provide bilingual submissions, in line with their public information policies. The Committee will consider responses to the inquiry and hold oral evidence sessions during the summer term.



If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to: SeneddCELG@Assembly.Wales

Alternatively, you can write to:

Committee Clerk
Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive **by 19 June 2015**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. The Committee would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included on this list, but might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter has been placed on the Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

Disclosure of Information

You can find details about how we will use your information at <http://www.assemblywales.org/help/privacy/help-inquiry-privacy.htm>. Please ensure that you have considered these details carefully before submitting information to the Committee.

Guidance on submitting written evidence

Submissions should be no longer than five sides of A4, with numbered paragraphs, and should focus on matters set out above.

The Assembly is committed to providing accessible information to the widest audience possible. This short guide is to assist witnesses who produce written information for committees. This will enable the Assembly to provide information submitted by third parties in an accessible manner.


- Use plain English and plain Welsh – avoid unnecessary jargon.
- Use a minimum of font size 12.
- A clear sans serif typeface, such as Lucida Sans.
- Do not have writing over graphics, pictures or watermarks.



- Colours and contrast – writing should have maximum contrast to the background: dark on light, light on dark.
- Do not use block capitals, and minimise use of bold, underlining and italics.

Where possible, information should be provided in Microsoft Word (and on the form provided) to ensure accessibility. Where a scan or Pdf is provided, particularly in the case of signed letters or tables of information, the original Word document should be provided along with it.

Yours faithfully,



Christine Chapman AC / AM

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List of consultees

Local Government

All 22 Local Authorities
Heads of Planning of all 22 Local Authorities
Local Government Leadership Centre
One Voice Wales
Solace
WLGA

National Park Wales

Alliance of Welsh National Park Societies
Brecon Beacons National Park Authorities
Campaign for National Parks
Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority
Snowdonia National Park
Welsh Association of National Park Authorities

Historical, archaeological, architectural and planning

All four Welsh Archaeological Trusts (Clwyd– Powys; Dyfed; Glamorgan – Gwent; Gwynedd)
Ancient Monuments Society
Architectural Heritage Fund
Cambrian Archaeological Association
Catalina Architecture Ltd
Council for British Archaeology Wales
Design Council
Garden History Society
Georgian Group
Headland Archaeology Ltd.
Heritage Lottery Fund
Historic Houses Association
History Research Wales
Institute for Archaeologists
Institute for Historic Buildings Conservation
International Council on Monuments and Sites
Joint Nautical Archaeology Policy Committee
Mango Planning and Development Limited



Merioneth Historical and Record Society
Monmouthshire Antiquarian Association
National Association of Mining History Organisations
National Library of Wales
National Trust Wales
Pembrokeshire Historical Society
Planning Inspectorate Wales
Prospect Heritage Group
Royal Commission on Ancient & Historical Monuments
Royal Society of Architects in Wales
Royal Town Planning Institution Cymru
Save Britain's Heritage
Society for Nautical Research
Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
The Twentieth Century Society
The Victorian Society
Trysor
Welsh Mills Society
Welsh Religious Buildings Trust

Museums

Federation of Museums and Art Galleries of Wales
National Heritage Memorial Fund
National History Museum, St Fagans
National Museum Cardiff
National Slate Museum
National Waterfront Museum

Other

Aberystwyth District Civic Society
All Fire and Rescue Authorities
All Police Authorities
ArtsConnect
Arts Council for Wales
ArtWorks Cymru
Association of District Judges
Big Lottery Fund – Wales



Brecknock Art Trust
Brecknock Society and Museum Friend
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers
British Waterways North Wales & Borders
British Waterways South Wales & Severn
Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales
Canal and River Trust
Carnegie Trust
Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountancy (CIPFA)
Children's Commissioner for Wales
Citizens' Advice Bureau
Civic Trust for Wales
Commissioner for Sustainable Futures ('The Wales We Want' initiative)
Confederation of British Industry Wales
Country Land and Business association
Dr Mynors (Francis Taylor Building)
Friends of the Newport Ship
Groundwork North Wales
Legal Wales
Magistrates court
Marine Conservation Society
Natural Resources Wales
Older People's Commissioner for Wales
Open Spaces Society
Prince's Regeneration Trust
Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
RenewableUK Cymru
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
The Community Foundation in Wales
Voluntary Arts Wales
Wales Audit Office
Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Wales Environment Link
Wales Planning Consultant Forum
Welsh Historic Garden Trust
Wrexham Area Civic Society



Academic/research

Aberystwyth University
Bangor University
Cardiff University
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Glyndwr University, Wrexham
Joseph Rowntree Foundation
University of South Wales
University of Wales Trinity St David

Equality Organisations

Age Cymru
Anti-poverty Network Cymru
Black Voluntary Sector Network Wales
Bevan Foundation
Care Council for Wales
Children in Wales
Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg
Cymru Yfory
Disability Wales
Disability Arts Cymru
Diverse Cymru
Equality & Human Rights Commission in Wales
Institute of Welsh Affairs
Learning Disability Wales
Mencap Cymru
MEWN Cymru
Race Equality Network
Royal National Institute of Blind
Stonewall Cymru
Welsh Language Commissioner
Women's Equality Network
Women Making a Difference

