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a grouping of independent bodies concerned with archaeology

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Dear Sir ,

SEVERN TIDAL POWER: PHASE ONE CONSULTATION

The Archaeology Forum is a grouping of the key, non-governmental organisations concerned with archaeology in the UK. Its members include the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers UK, the Council for British Archaeology, the Institute of Conservation, the Institute for Archaeologists, the National Trust, the National Trust for Scotland, Rescue, the Society of Antiquaries of London, the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, the Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers, and the Society of Museum Archaeologists UK.

The Archaeology Forum is pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to the Department of Energy and Climate Change's phase one consultation on Severn Tidal Power.

This response relates solely to issues affecting the historic environment and TAF makes no detailed response with regard to wider issues of short listing and the assessment of specific options.

The Archaeology Forum's response in relation to consultation questions 1, 2 and 19 is as follows:

Overarching Questions

- 1. Is the feasibility study taking the right issues into account?**
 - 2. Are there other aspects or other evidence that should be taken into consideration?**
- Strategic Environmental Assessment**

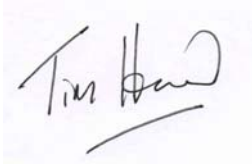
19. Which plans, programmes or environmental protection objectives are most significant for this strategic level assessment?

The Archaeology Forum welcomes

- the identification of the historic environment as a specific area to be covered in detail by the SEA as part of the feasibility study (see para.220 at pp.75 & 77 of the consultation document)
- the recognition in SEA Objectives HE.1-HE.4 (p.168) of the need to consider and avoid adverse effects not only on designated historic assets but also on undesignated assets (including as yet undiscovered sites and finds) and wider historic and cultural landscapes.

However, The Archaeology Forum would urge appropriate consideration of impacts upon the historic environment as a significant issue to be taken into account at all stages of the feasibility study.

Yours faithfully,



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The Institute of Conservation
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The National Trust
The National Trust for Scotland

Rescue: the British Archaeological Trust
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