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Dear Sir or Madam,

FAME: the Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers welcomes the opportunity to contribute ideas to be considered in the creation of the forthcoming NPF4.

FAME is the distinctive voice of archaeological employers and managers, and the only organisation solely devoted to representing their interests within the profession and the business world. FAME members work in close partnership with the archaeological advisers to Scotland's local planning authorities to support our clients' delivery of projects that contribute to Scotland's sustainable development.

FAME's members are commercial companies who work with developer clients, the economic importance and scale of which was highlighted in Landward Research Ltd's 2019 report, 'Archaeology in Development Management' <https://www.algao.org.uk/archaeology-development-management>.

FAME strongly welcomes the proposed key objective of NPF4 *To support the understanding, protection and importance of the historic environment so that the cultural, social, environmental and economic value of our heritage continues to contribute to Scotland's well-being*

To ensure the effective delivery of Objective 4, FAME considers that:

- it is essential to continue to ensure that the existing policies, relating to the Historic Environment, in SPP are not lessened in the revised NPF4, indeed there is the opportunity to make them more robust and fit for purpose
- PAN 2/2011 Planning and Archaeology is widely regarded as a fundamental and key document underpinning the successfully delivering SPP, providing the important technical details which the implementation of the Historic Environment policies in Scotland relies upon. It is essential that this document or at least a document of similar detail and weight is retained going forward and we welcome the opportunity to work with Scottish Government in formulating any such new document.
- It is imperative that NPF4 references the need for Planning Authorities to have access to a properly managed HER (Historic Environment Record) and also have access to the requisite expertise to properly interrogate, understand and translate the information contained within it. This is to ensure that planning advice relating to the Historic Environment is sound, adequate, proportionate and sustainable.

FAME is committed to working with Scottish Government to help deliver NPF4. If any further information or comment is required, we would be happy to provide this..

Yours faithfully,



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