



MANAGING CHANGE IN THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT: FIRE AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS

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A SEA Pre-Screening Report is attached for the plan, programme or strategy (PPS) entitled: Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Fire and Historic Buildings

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: We consider the above guidance qualifies under section 5(4) of the above legislation.

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Title of guidance	Managing Change in the Historic Environment: Fire and Historic Buildings
Purpose of the guidance	<p>Managing change in the historic environment: guidance notes provide non-statutory advice on how to apply the policies contained in the Historic Environment Policy for Scotland (HEPS), and national planning policy. This proposed guidance note is relevant to decisions on development proposals and changes to individual historic assets, such as listed buildings.</p> <p>The Fire and Historic Buildings guidance sets out the principles and specific issues that are relevant to fire and historic buildings.</p> <p>These guidance notes are not spatially specific. They instead offer advice and policy interpretation with reference to case studies and good practice. The advice they offer is sometimes used in the support and preparation of local planning policies and supplementary guidance. They are also used in support of development management decisions.</p>
What prompted the guidance?	<p>A series of Managing change in the historic environment: guidance notes were first produced in October 2010, covering a range of topics. These guidance notes set out procedural advice and guidance relating to works affecting various aspect of the historic environment.</p> <p>Following the adoption of the HEPS in 2019, Historic Environment Scotland committed to an ongoing policy review which will produce a range of new and revised detailed policy and guidance to complement HEPS. This Managing Change Guidance Note is one of those revised documents.</p>
Subject	The historic environment
Period covered & frequency of updates	Once published the guidance will remain in place indefinitely and will be updated as required
Area covered by the guidance	Scotland wide
Summary of the guidance	<p>As with other guidance notes within the series, these new/amended guidance notes will set out the policy context and highlight the key principles involved in managing a specific aspect of the historic environment.</p> <p>This guidance sets out the specific issues relevant to fire and historic buildings. It looks at understanding your building and cultural significance, identifying risks, safety measures and responses to damage.</p>

Historic Environment Scotland's determination: The key policy commitments which these guidance notes relate to within HEPS and national planning policy will remain unchanged. In light of this, and given their procedural and advisory nature, with regard to the criteria specified in [Schedule 2](#) of the [Environmental Assessment \(Scotland\) Act 2005](#) we consider they will have no or minimal effects on the environment. Accordingly, it is the view of Historic Environment Scotland that, under [Section 7](#) of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005, a strategic environmental assessment is not required prior to their adoption.



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