

Assessing impacts on Wild Land Areas – technical guidance – consultation

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Individual

Q2. Your name or your organisation/ group name

Name

Q3. email

Email

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Publish response but not my name.

Q5. If required, may we contact you regarding your response?

Yes

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Q6. 1) Does the 2017 draft guidance provide a clear explanation of the methodology and general principles for assessing the impact of development proposals on Wild Land Areas

Some sections

Comments/explanations:

There is a lack of clarity as to the role of repeating the Phase 1 and 2 mapping as a means to quantitatively and spatially assess the potential impacts from any proposed development either within or out with a WLA. The proposed guidance says that "Step 2 of the proposed guidance/methodology requires the assessor to "establish the baseline ..." this cannot be a moveable baseline and that the correct baseline for a study area with a WLA must be the SNH descriptor of that WLA as originally published (January 2017). Giving the assessor the remit to establish the baseline could be very problematic.

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