

# Assessing impacts on Wild Land Areas – technical guidance – consultation

## Page 2: RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Q1. Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Individual

Q2. Your name or your organisation/ group name

**Name**

Q3. email

**Email**

Q4. How do you wish your response to be treated?

Publish response but not my name.

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

Yes

## Page 3: CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Q6. 1) Does the 2017 draft guidance provide a clear explanation of the methodology and general principles for assessing the impact of development proposals on Wild Land Areas

Undecided

**Comments/explanations:**

Based on the definition of 'wildness' in terms of physical attributes and perceptual responses, the guidance does indeed provide clarity. However, given the key role of SNH in promoting biodiversity and the absence of any reference to SBS in the guidelines, I am confused. Wild Land, while not the same as wilderness, can be rich in biodiversity. Should scientific data pertaining to the biodiversity of any given area not be included in the list of physical attributes?

Q7. 2) Are the examples within Annex 2 helpful in illustrating the approach to assessing impacts?

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Again, I am confused that no reference to the impact of any potential development on local flora and fauna, including possible habitat fragmentation, is provided.