

Assessing impacts on Wild Land Areas – technical guidance – consultation

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Individual

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Q6. 1) Does the 2017 draft guidance provide a clear explanation of the methodology and general principles for assessing the impact of development proposals on Wild Land Areas

Undecided

Comments/explanations:

Guidance is fit for purpose only if it results in assessments and decisions which protect wild land areas from gradual attrition. The guidelines are not sufficient;y strong to assure this. Basically, we only get one shot at this - if a WLA is gone, it's gone for ever.

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

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Step 2 of the proposed guidance suggests that the WLA baseline could be reassessed from time to time. To prevent gradual erosion, the existing baseline produced by SNH in January 2017 should be used. The aspiration should be not just to maintain these areas without erosion, but to extend them