

Assessing impacts on Wild Land Areas – technical guidance – consultation

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Individual

Q2. Your name or your organisation/ group name

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Q6. 1) Does the 2017 draft guidance provide a clear explanation of the methodology and general principles for assessing the impact of development proposals on Wild Land Areas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

I am a member of the John Muir Trust and, after reading the consultation document, I agree with them in that I don't think giving the assessor the remit to establish the baseline is a good idea. This means baselines will vary from that established by SNH in January 2017. I also agree with JMT that SNH should have the lead role in assessing whether a wild land assessment is required in cases where wild land areas may be impacted on.

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Yes they are helpful but, as stated above, I'm not in favour of the process you're proposing to establish baselines