

ALSF Priorities 2007-08

The core objective of the English Heritage scheme is to reduce the impact on the historic environment of aggregate extraction, both terrestrial and marine. It will focus on the following main areas:

- developing the capacity to manage aggregate extraction landscapes in the future
- delivering to public and professional audiences the full benefits of knowledge gained through past work in advance of aggregates extraction
- reducing the physical impacts of current extraction where these lie beyond current planning controls and the normal obligations placed on minerals operators
- addressing the effects of old mineral planning permissions
- promoting understanding of the conservation issues arising from the impacts of aggregates extraction on the historic environment

English Heritage will support projects which will deliver against the headline objectives for the ALSF as follows:

Objective 2: promoting environmentally friendly extraction and transport

- threat definition: strategic research on the character, scale and geographical distribution of the potential impacts of aggregate extraction (including secondary aggregate resources but excluding construction waste) on the historic environment, in particular the collection, mapping and analysis of data on aggregates permissions and processes
- research to enhance the understanding of the scale and character of the historic environment in current or likely future aggregate producing areas in order to provide the baseline information necessary for effective future management
- enhance baseline evidence in areas of, and potentially subject to, marine aggregate extraction: baseline information and characterisation of the resource; techniques of prediction and evaluation; mitigation strategies; training, awareness and information exchange
- support for the development of management and conservation strategies for the historic environment in current or likely future areas of aggregate production
- methodological and technical research to improve predictive, evaluation and mitigation tools in order to promote and advance maximum information gain and cost effectiveness which will benefit both the extraction industry and the historic environment
- training and professional development: programmes to raise awareness of and promote best practise to industry, historic environment professionals and other stakeholders
- supporting the operation of the planning system through assistance with excavation, analysis and dissemination of unexpected discoveries subject to English Heritage's normal conditions (including support for evaluation and survey work on sites with outstanding planning permissions granted before the implementation of PPG16)
- the analysis and dissemination of important data from past work undertaken in response to aggregate extraction
- local education, interpretation, outreach and community involvement, and capacity building which raise awareness of conservation issues, communicates the knowledge gained through the extraction process, and raises the profile of the positive benefits of extraction to communities living in current extraction areas where this work is demonstrably beyond that required by the planning system (partnership projects with industry where this goes beyond the legal obligations on industry would be particularly welcome)
- addressing the impacts of current aggregate extraction which go demonstrably beyond the requirements of the planning system; specifically conservation and repair of sites, monuments, buildings and landscapes within communities affected by aggregates extraction and transport
- dissemination and assimilation of ALSF funded and other related work to stakeholder groups

Objective 3: Addressing the environmental impacts associated with past aggregates extraction

- land acquisition, the buying- out of old mineral planning permissions with inadequate environmental conditions and support for the development of management and conservation, and restitution strategies for the historic environment in areas of past aggregate extraction
- addressing the impacts of past aggregate extraction; specifically conservation and repair of sites, monuments, buildings and landscapes within communities affected by aggregates extraction and transport
- conservation of industrial remains of historical significance associated with aggregates extraction sites
- local education, interpretation, outreach and community involvement, and capacity building associated with past extraction which raise awareness of conservation issues and communicate the knowledge gained through the extraction process

Archaeological projects must in addition meet English Heritage's strategic priorities for archaeology which are currently set out in the Implementation Plan for Exploring our Past (EoP98), the Corporate Strategy, *Making the Past Part of Our Future* and the Research Strategy, *Discovering the Past and Shaping the Future*. Marine projects must meet English Heritage's strategic priorities for the marine historic environment which are set out in *Taking to the Water*. Please note that EoP98 will be updated by May 2007, and subsequent applications must thereafter fit within the revised Framework. Further details and appropriate links will be found here.

As far as possible projects should also address the broader agenda set out for English Heritage and the Historic Environment sector as a whole in *Power of Place: the Future of the Historic Environment* (English Heritage 2000) and *The Historic Environment: a Force for our Future* (DCMS 2001).

English Heritage is committed to widening access to, and understanding and enjoyment of, the historic environment. All projects funded through our ALSF Programme should, wherever possible, deliver these aims through programmes of outreach, education, interpretation and community involvement.

