

Heritage through a planning lens

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What is Historic Environment Scotland?

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is the statutory public body that cares for, promotes, and investigates Scotland's historic environment.



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Responsibilities:

- **Heritage designations:** Scheduled monuments, Listed Buildings, Gardens & Landscapes, Battlefields & Marine Protected Areas
- **Properties in care:** manage over 300 sites in Scotland
- **Collections:** curate over 41,000 objects
- **Learning:** visits, learning hubs, and teaching resources
- **Ranger Service:** Educate visitors about sites
- **Skills and training:** Embed traditional building skills



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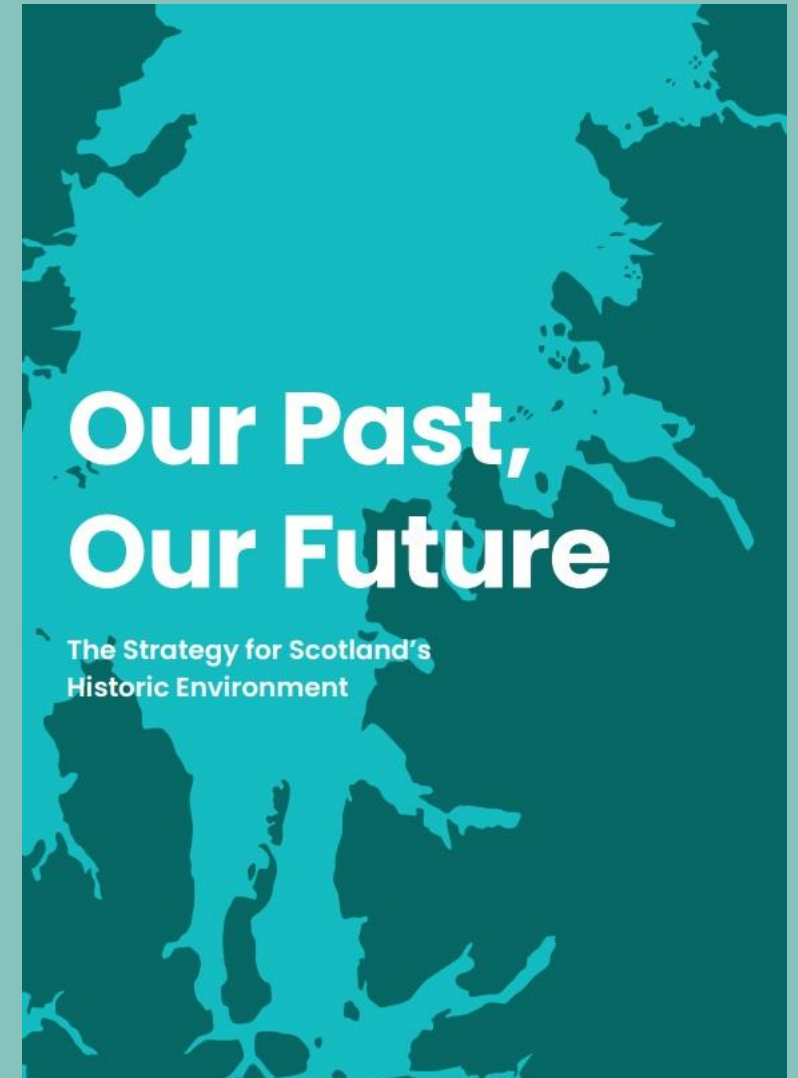
Our Vision:

**HES's vision is to make sure
Scotland's heritage is cherished,
understood, shared, and enjoyed
with pride by everyone.**



Our sector priorities:

- Delivering the transition to net zero
- Empowering resilient and inclusive communities and places
- Building a wellbeing economy

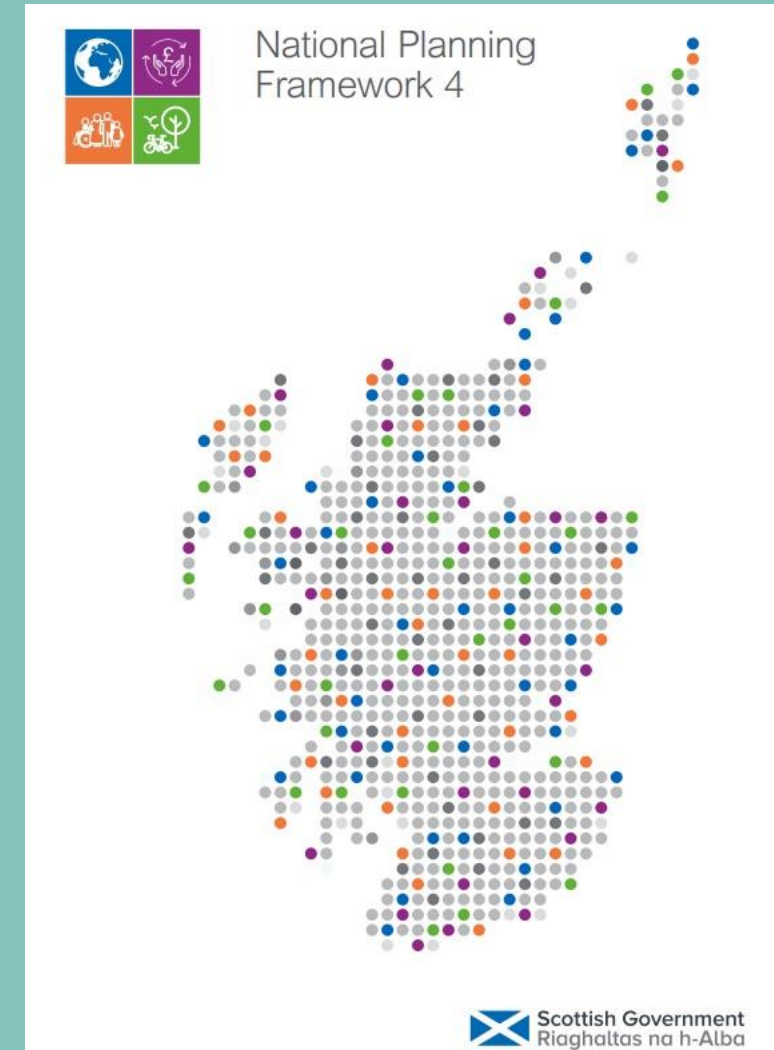


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Not so different from...

- **Sustainable places**, where we reduce emissions, restore and better connect biodiversity;
- **Liveable places**, where we can all live better, healthier lives; and
- **Productive places**, where we have a greener, fairer and more inclusive wellbeing economy.



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Who identifies what?

Historic Environment Scotland:

- Listed buildings
- Scheduled monuments
- Designed gardens & landscapes inventory
- Battlefields inventory
- Marine protected areas

Planning Authorities:

- Conservation areas
- Historic Environment Records

UNESCO:

- World heritage sites



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Historic Environment Scotland:

- Scheduled monument consent
- Listed building consent (if owned by Local Authority)
- Enforcement action (scheduled monuments)

Planning Authorities:

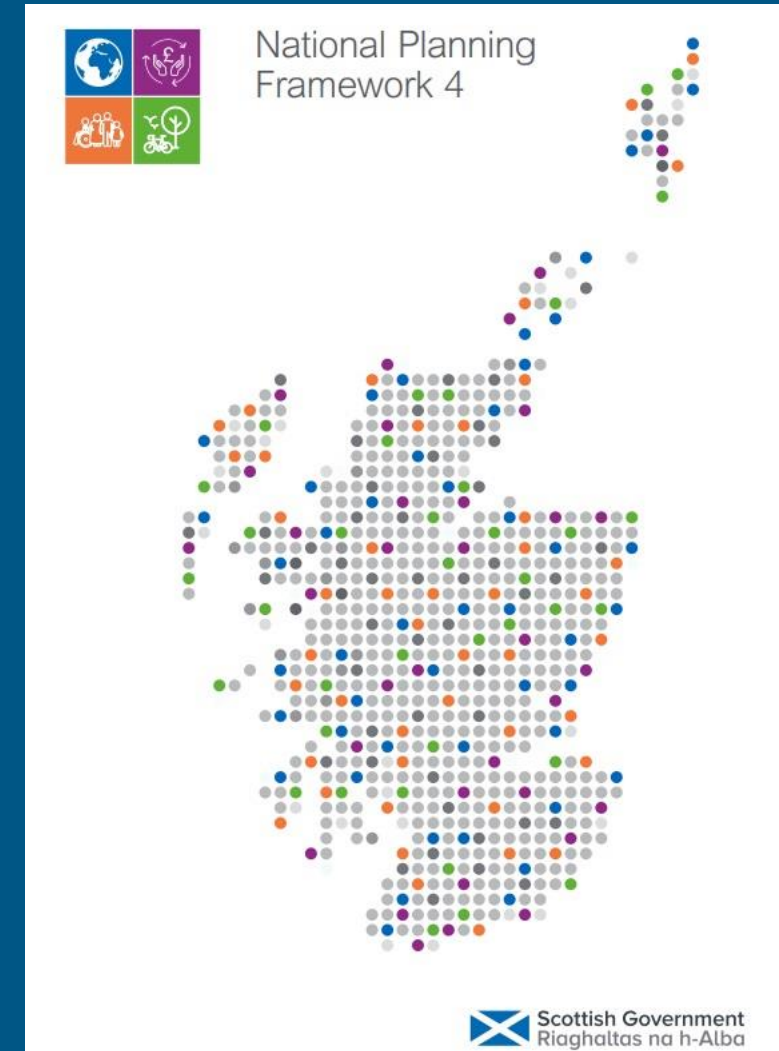
- Land use plans
- Listed building consent
- Conservation area consent
- Planning permission
- Enforcement action

What does NPF4 say?

Policy 7: To protect and enhance historic environment assets and places, and to enable positive change as a catalyst for the regeneration of places.

Policy Outcomes:

- Supports the transition to net zero
- Redundant or neglected historic buildings are reused
- Underpins our economy and cultural identity



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Challenges

- Balancing development pressure vs preservation
- Climate change and its impact
- Underuse and dereliction of historic buildings
- Lack of skills and knowledge about maintenance
- Retrofitting and sustainable travel



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Opportunities

- Place branding and identity
- Town centre living and adaptive reuse
- Skills development and employability
- Retrofit hubs and training
- Inclusivity and accessibility
- Nature resilience and habitat corridors



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Identify priorities

- Prioritise buildings that are key to place identity
- Use Local Place Plans to identify local interest
- Use your heritage assets for community wealth building
- Use your Local Development Plan to secure partnership approach



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Destination Travel

- Mapping out key destinations and corridors of movement
- Developing active travel routes to maximise place offer
- Identifying infrastructure needs to support visitor numbers
- Weaving local stories into wider destination offer



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Skills development

- Having the right skills in place to support local demand
- Recognising key workers for your area and how you secure them
- Capturing the workforce for next generation
- Identifying training opportunities through delivery partnerships



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Procurement

- Developing a procurement approach that puts place at the heart of sourcing goods and services
- Establishing delivery partners who work in place, using local contractors and services
- Identify communities that need to build greater place resilience



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Stewardship: Calanais Standing Stone

- Partnership working with local trust to enhance visitor offer
- Supported by NLHF & HIE
- Funding from HIE to plan new visitor centre & NLHF for
- Developing long term management plan for conservation
- Community Fund for Heritage



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Affordable homes: Old Police Station, Langholm

- Asset transfer of ownership to Eskdale Foundation 2017
- SOSCH partnership to adapt for four affordable homes
- Total capital costs amounted to £530,000,
- Capital funders included the Rural Housing Fund, D&G Town Centre Living Fund, and SOSE



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Skills development: Lock 16

- Partnership working between Scottish Canals and HES
- Supported by NLHF, RCGF & Growth Deal
- Focus on traditional and heritage skills training
- Revitalising a neglected area and boosting routes to long term employment



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Enabling development: Greenlaw Town Hall

- Placed on Buildings at Risk Register in 2001 after falling into disuse
- Secured grant from Historic Scotland in 2008 but required 25% match funding
- Landowner donated land to be sold for affordable homes for Berwickshire Housing Association
- Land was allocated in Local Plan for affordable housing in 2009
- Sold in 2017 to private company
- Investigated by KLTR as an ownerless property



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Areas for discussion:

- **Who do we most need to influence and help?**
- **Who informs and makes decisions?**
- **What is the evidence base for these decisions?**



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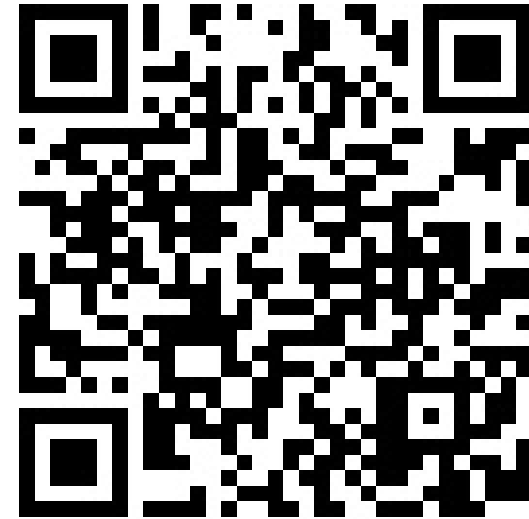
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Unleash Your Inner Local:
Curated conversations on community led tourism

Oct 15, 16 & 17 @ Birnam Arts Centre

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