



Historic England

## Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Draft Business Plan 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2026

### Historic England Response

Historic England is the Government's statutory adviser on all matters relating to the historic environment in England. We are a non-departmental public body established under the National Heritage Act 1983 and sponsored by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). We champion and protect England's historic places, providing expert advice to local planning authorities, developers, owners and communities, to help ensure our historic environment is properly understood, enjoyed and cared for.

The national and international significance of Britain's nuclear industry and the pioneering role British scientists and engineers played in the development of this technology has been highlighted in our previous consultation responses to the NDA.

We are currently engaged with the NDA, alongside Historic Environment Scotland, Cadw, Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historic Monuments of Wales, The National Archives, Museums, Archives, Libraries Division, Welsh Government, and The Science Museum Group in developing and implementing the NDA's heritage strategy.

This involves the recording of sites, selective retention of archives both at 'Nucleus' (the Nuclear and Caithness Archive), together with other suitable national and local locations, and the safeguarding of selective artefacts with The Science Museum Group and at other appropriate repositories. The NDA heritage strategy being flagged under the 'NDA Archives Limited' heading on page 57 of the *Draft Business Plan*.

By developing a heritage strategy, the NDA will be able to demonstrate its commitment to meeting the requirements of the *Protocol for the Care of the Government Historic Estate*, which has been developed by Government and Historic England, and is mandatory for Government departments and its agencies in England - <https://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/protocol-for-the-care-of-the-government-historic-estate/>.

We therefore welcome these discussions and on-going engagement, and strongly encourage the NDA to publish its heritage strategy in a publicly accessible location as soon as possible.

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