



## FORTH BRIDGE WORLD HERITAGE CONSULTATION

### Have Your Say....

The Forth Bridges Forum would like to hear your views on the impending nomination of **The Forth Bridge** for inscription as a World Heritage Site. We are especially interested to hear how you think we can best maximise the benefits that may follow, should the nomination be successful and World Heritage Status be achieved for the Bridge.

This nomination follows the UK Department of Culture Media and Sport's announcement of a new *Tentative List* of eleven candidate World Heritage sites, and the selection of The Forth Bridge as the first to be put forward, with submission due in February 2014. Work is already progressing on the nomination, and this twelve-week public consultation exercise, which commences on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, is set to end on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013. The hope is that as many people as possible will contribute to this consultation.



## 1. Background to the Consultation

This public consultation is being conducted in support of the nomination of The Forth Bridge for inscription as a World Heritage Site. It seeks input from as wide an audience as possible, both on the potential value of World Heritage designation, and on how its impact can be managed positively so as to benefit not only the future of the Bridge itself, but also local communities and other groups who might be affected by its inscription.

The consultation takes the form of this short document, which provides supporting information and questions designed to draw together views on the Nomination and its potential benefits. The information you and other respondents provide will inform the content of the Nomination Document and Management Plan that are submitted to UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2014, and in particular has the potential to influence decisions affecting local communities in the future.

It also follows on the heels of work that was recently commissioned from Rebanks Consulting, headed up by James Rebanks, an experienced consultant specialising in World Heritage whose research is recognised by UNESCO. Whilst working in the communities at each end of the Bridge during a six-week period in late 2012, James set about identifying what the potential benefits might be, together with the associated challenges and constraints that might arise. You can read his report for yourself online at: [www.forthbridgeworldheritage.com](http://www.forthbridgeworldheritage.com).

Rebanks found that support for the World Heritage nomination was very strong, especially amongst the business community, but that there were also a number of concerns, mainly relating to local infrastructure. We are therefore carrying out a public consultation to better understand the issues and aspirations of everyone who might be affected, especially at a local level.

In addition to providing basic information about the World Heritage nomination, this consultation seeks to identify the main issues that emerged from Rebanks' work, and poses specific questions for you to consider.

Your views matter and will make a significant contribution to the success of the nomination. Sections 2 and 3 give details on how the consultation is being conducted, and how we will handle your responses and the data that is generated.

It is also important to understand what World Heritage is, so we offer a short explanation in Section 4, a brief description of what exactly is being nominated in Section 5, and then go on to explain why the Forth Bridge is worthy of inscription in Section 6. Sections 7 – 10 then examine the 'Vision' for the Bridge, issues and challenges it faces, and some proposed objectives.

## 2. The Consultation Process

This consultation is available both in digital and hard copy form, the latter being available on request at the Inverkeithing Civic Centre and Queensferry Library, or by phoning 08451 555555 x 440646 in Fife or 0131 469 3634 in City of Edinburgh. If you are not already doing so, it can be accessed online at [www.forthbridgeworldheritage.com](http://www.forthbridgeworldheritage.com), and via links from the Forth Bridges Forum partners' websites. If you have any queries that you would like to submit by email, you can contact Fife Council at [arch.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:arch.enquiries@fife.gov.uk) and City of Edinburgh Council at [built.heritage@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:built.heritage@edinburgh.gov.uk).

The public consultation period extends for twelve weeks from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

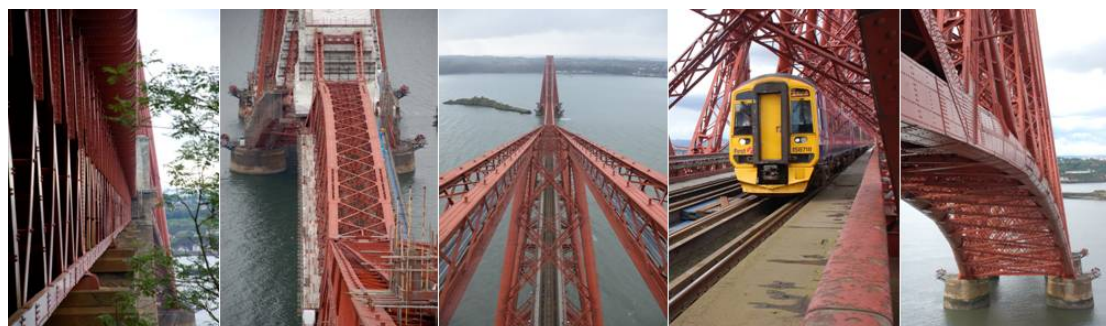
There will be opportunities during the 12-week consultation period to hear more about the Nomination and to share your thoughts with us. These will take the form of a number of public events in the Queensferry, Fife and Edinburgh, at which you will be most welcome. Look for details of these events at: [www.forthbridgeworldheritage.com](http://www.forthbridgeworldheritage.com).

## 3. Handling Your Response

To comply with your wishes and statutory requirements, we need to know how you wish your response to be handled and, in particular, whether you are happy for it to be made public. For this reason, we have also included a short Respondent Information Form which will ensure that we treat your answers and comments appropriately. If you ask for your response not to be published, we will regard it as confidential and will treat it accordingly.

Where respondents have given permission for their response to be made public, and after we have checked that they contain no potentially defamatory material, responses will be made available to the public as part of the analysis and reporting process.

Once the consultation period has closed, all responses will be collated, analysed and considered along with any other available evidence. The information gathered will be essential to the process of compiling final versions of the Nomination and Management Plan prior to their submission to UNESCO. These documents will themselves be published following that submission on 1st February 2014.



## **4. World Heritage Explained**

A World Heritage Site is a place that is listed by UNESCO for being of such special cultural or physical significance that it has 'Outstanding Universal Value', or 'OUV'. The List is maintained by the World Heritage Centre administered by UNESCO. The *Convention Concerning the Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage* was signed in 1972 and has since been ratified by 190 countries across the world.

By 2012, 962 sites had been listed in 157 countries, of which 745 sites are cultural, 188 natural, and 29 both cultural and natural properties. There are 28 World Heritage Sites in the UK, of which five are in Scotland. These are The Frontiers of the Roman Empire (the Antonine Wall), St Kilda, Edinburgh Old and New Towns, New Lanark, and The Heart of Neolithic Orkney. In Scotland, World Heritage does not in itself add an extra layer of statutory protection, but it can and is integrated into development planning processes and associated guidance.

### **Nominating a World Heritage Site**

World Heritage listing is a great accolade and is therefore much sought-after. To have a chance of being included on the World Heritage List, a site must first be formally nominated by the government 'State Party' of a country, after which it has to be considered by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee. This process tends to take several years of preparation and subsequent assessment, and is not always successful.

The UK Tentative List was reviewed in 2010/11. This led to three Scottish sites, including the Forth Bridge, being selected alongside eight other candidate sites. All eleven sites were then invited to submit Technical Evaluations making their case for nomination. It was subsequently decided by an Expert Panel that the Forth Bridge would be the first site from the new Tentative List to be submitted to UNESCO.

Once a site has been selected for nomination, the key pieces of work are the development of a Nomination Document and a Management Plan. This consultation will play a key role in the development of these documents.

### **Management Plan**

Management Plans should specify how the outstanding universal value of a World Heritage Site will be preserved, preferably through participatory means. They are also important in determining how an understanding of the importance and attributes of the site will be developed and promoted.

The purpose of an effective Management Plan and management system is to ensure the effective protection of the nominated property for present and future generations. Such plans help to set out clearly the special qualities and values of the site, to establish a framework for decision making, and give information on threats and opportunities for each site in order that it can be

managed in a sustainable manner.

It is a policy of the UK Government that all UK World Heritage Sites must have active Management Plans in place, as well as being a requirement of the UNESCO Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

### **Nomination Document**

The nomination document provides the basis for the evaluation of the property and directly influences the subsequent decision of the World Heritage Committee as to whether or not it should be inscribed in the World Heritage List. It makes the justification for its inscription, based on the criteria set out by UNESCO, includes a description of the site, some details on the existing protection and management of the site, its state of conservation, and information on known threats and potential opportunities.

Once the site's nomination documents have been submitted, they will undergo a demanding 18-month process of scrutiny and evaluation by UNESCO and its advisory body ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites). This will include a desk-based assessment of the nomination dossier, deciding whether the site has outstanding universal value (OUV) and if adequate management systems, protection and resources are in place to ensure that its OUV can be maintained. There will also be a site visit from an approved assessor.

### **Criteria**

UNESCO demands that, to be included on the World Heritage List, a cultural site must satisfy at least one of its criteria, which are:

- (i) "represents a masterpiece of human creative genius"
- (ii) "exhibits an important interchange of human values, over a span of time, or within a cultural area of the world, on developments in architecture or technology, monumental arts, town-planning, or landscape design"
- (iii) "bears a unique or exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared"
- (iv) "is an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural, or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates a significant stage in human history"
- (v) "is an outstanding example of a traditional human settlement, land-use, or sea-use which is representative of a culture, or human interaction with the environment especially when it has become vulnerable under the impact of irreversible change"
- (vi) "is directly or tangibly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of outstanding universal significance"



## 5. The Nomination of the Forth Bridge

### What Is Being Nominated?

The proposed site is defined as **The Forth Bridge**, which carries the mainline East Coast railway for 1.6 miles (2.5 kilometres) across the Firth of Forth between Fife on the north bank and Edinburgh and the Lothians to the south. The Nominated Site's boundaries are defined by the single contract that was let for the construction of the masonry and steel elements of the Bridge, and are represented in the original contract drawings. The proposed World Heritage Site does not therefore extend beyond the Bridge itself because it is only for this single structure that outstanding universal value can be fully demonstrated. It is, however, contained at each end by existing Conservation Areas, and its immediate surroundings are therefore protected and managed by well-established designation and planning controls.

UNESCO requires that the outstanding universal value of any World Heritage Site is protected from developments deemed potentially harmful, so the purpose of the Nomination and its associated Management Plan will be to define that value, and to determine how the impact of a successful nomination can be positively managed to ensure benefits and a sustainable future for the World Heritage Site.

A key factor when considering the protection of World Heritage Sites is their setting. In the case of the Forth Bridge, the potential impact on its outstanding universal value of developments close to or in adjacent areas around the Firth of Forth has been subject to rigorous study using computer-generated viewshed analyses, and the physical investigation of as many viewpoints as possible. The conclusion is that the immense scale and dominant presence of the Bridge is such that there is no need for a separate area of protection or 'Buffer Zone', and that the most important neighbouring structures associated with earlier crossings of the Forth are already adequately protected through listing, conservation area and designed-landscape designations.

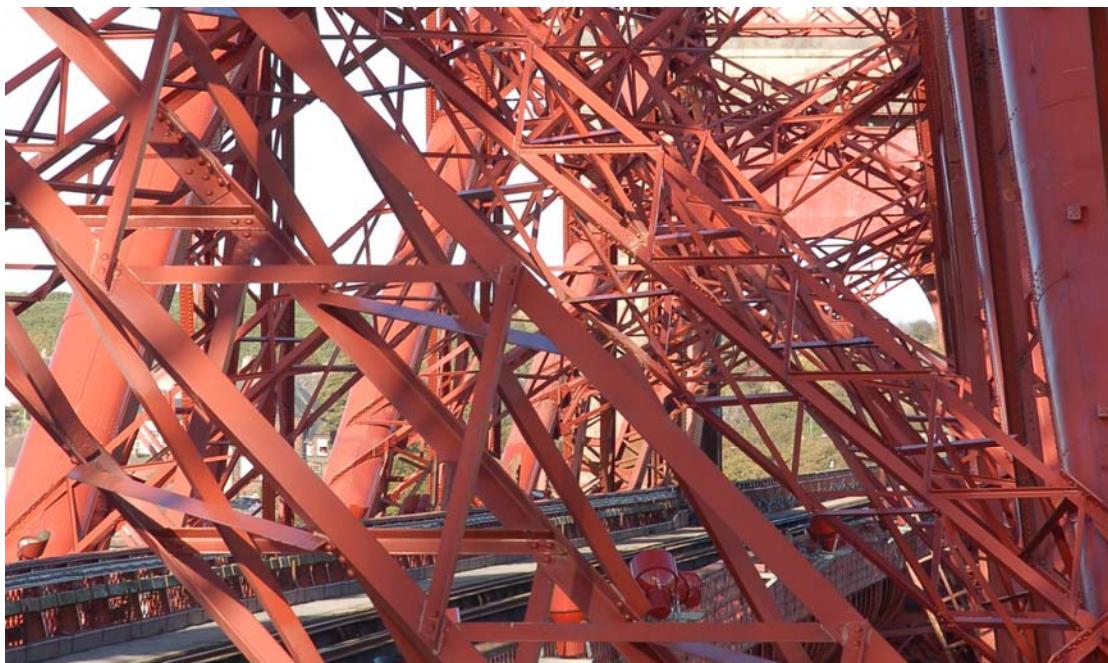


### Who is Behind the Nomination?

The nomination is being overseen by the Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group of the Forth Bridges Forum. The Steering Group includes Network Rail as owner of the Bridge, Transport Scotland, Historic Scotland,

Fife Council, City of Edinburgh Council, Queensferry & District Community Council, Queensferry Ambition, North Queensferry Community Council, North Queensferry Heritage Trust, and VisitScotland.

Question 1	
A.	Are you aware of any key organisations or individuals who you think have so far not been involved in the World Heritage nomination but should be?
	Tick one box only Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
B.	If yes, please could you tell us who they are, and how they might be contacted?



## 6. The Forth Bridge: why we think it has 'Outstanding Universal Value'

All nominations to UNESCO must include a Statement of Outstanding Universal Value (SOUV) for the site. This is intended to be a short statement that is central to the effective protection and management of the property. SOUVs are made up of several elements – a brief description, a statement of significance, a statement of authenticity, a statement of integrity and a section describing how the World Heritage Site is protected and managed. The main objective is the protection of each property through the conservation and preservation of its outstanding universal value.

A full draft of this statement will be presented in the final version of the Management Plan submitted to UNESCO. However, for the purposes of this consultation, this has been reduced to briefly explain why we believe the Forth Bridge has outstanding universal value:

The Forth Bridge is a triumph of engineering. The first monumental-scale steel bridge, in most respects it has never been surpassed. When opened in 1890 it had both the longest and the second longest spans in the world. No other trussed bridge approaches its perfect balance of structural elegance and strength, nor its overall size. Superlative in its application of novel mild steel technologies, the Forth Bridge used and influenced engineering technologies that have since become international in scope. It is a globally-important triumph of design, at once structural and aesthetic. Still performing as a vital UK transport artery, this icon of Scotland perfectly encapsulates 19<sup>th</sup>-century belief in mankind's ultimate ability to overcome any obstacle: the impossible could indeed be made possible.

The Nominated Site has a high degree of integrity and authenticity, with very little change having been made to the structure since it opened in 1890. It has the highest level of statutory designation for a building in use, having been listed at Category 'A' on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1973. It has recently benefited from an exemplary restoration and conservation programme. It is, in addition, contained at each end by Conservation Areas, and its immediate surroundings are therefore protected and managed by well-established designation and planning controls. The Forth Bridge is in the ownership of *Network Rail*, a "not for dividend" company limited by guarantee, state-regulated and partly publicly financed.

The Criteria under which inscription is proposed (from a possible six applicable to cultural sites) are therefore:

**Criterion i): *represents a masterpiece of human creative genius:*** Its steel-built cantilever design represents a unique level of new human creative genius in conquering a scale and depth of natural barrier that had never before been overcome by man.



**Criterion ii): *exhibits an important interchange of human values on developments in architecture and technology:*** The Forth Bridge was a crucible for the application to civil engineering of new design principles and new construction methods. It therefore exerted great influence on civil engineering practice the world-over and is an icon to engineers world-wide.

**Criterion iv): *an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) significant stage(s) in human history:*** The Bridge is revolutionary in its design, its concept, its materials and in its enormous scale.

## **7. A Vision for the Forth Bridge World Heritage Site**

Establishing a clear vision is an essential means of ensuring that a World Heritage Site can be effectively managed and protected, whilst also delivering benefits for its local communities. As part of this process, it is important that management partners and local communities understand what World Heritage listing might achieve, if everyone works towards those goals. The creation of an agreed vision also allows for the development of a framework of longer-term aims, which in turn informs the priorities for medium-term objectives, based on the analysis of key current issues (see Section 9).

In the case of the Forth Bridge, the excellent state of the Bridge itself following Network Rail's recent restoration programme allows more of a focus on wider benefits that World Heritage inscription might bring. With this in mind, and following his work with the Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group and local stakeholders, James Rebanks proposed the following vision:

**The Forth Bridge will be a World Heritage site that changes people's lives for the better. A World Heritage Site that brings stakeholders together to make new things possible, at a global, national, regional and local scale. A World Heritage Site that people from around the world can learn about, or visit and have a genuinely world class experience.**

**A World Heritage Site that is an exemplar of best practice: stimulating progressive changes to the infrastructure of local communities to ensure tourism is effectively managed and sustainable. Also, crucially, World Heritage listing will benefit local communities by improving quality of life and by raising the profile of local communities as places to live, work and invest. This nomination aspires to make a Scottish icon into a global icon: a showcase of the best of Scottish endeavour, imagination, engineering and design.**

James Rebanks (2013), *The Forth Bridge World Heritage Nomination: - Realising the Potential Benefits*

Question 2	
A.	Do you believe this vision is appropriate? Tick one box only Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
B.	If No (or Not Sure), tell us why, and if there is anything missing from it:



## **8. Potential Benefits of World Heritage Listing**

World Heritage Site status does not automatically deliver benefits to the site in question or to its local communities. There are, however, a host of opportunities and benefits that can be achieved if the site is managed well.

Rebanks suggests that if the Forth Bridge becomes a World Heritage Site, its inscription can be used in an innovative and progressive manner that ensures it can be a leading example of a sustainable World Heritage Site which delivers significant benefits for its local communities.

Through the work undertaken with managing partners, stakeholders and local communities, Rebanks Consulting has identified a number of benefits that could potentially be achieved in the event that the Forth Bridge is successfully nominated.

### **Potential national benefits**

- Raises a Scottish icon to international status– a ‘must-see’ attraction;
- An opportunity to showcase Scottish design and engineering – future themed Years (Design);
- Adds value to the Scottish heritage portfolio – one more reason to come to Scotland,
- Potential for spotlight on Scottish innovation and creativity (past and present).

### **Potential regional benefits**

- Raises (international) profile of a regional cultural asset – encouraging inward investment in Fife and Edinburgh;
- Adds value to the Edinburgh cultural offer;
- Acts as a gateway to the North of Scotland
- Raised profile of Fife – for tourism, for business and for relocation;
- Development of a World Heritage Site package in and around Edinburgh for international market;
- A focus for the region as a centre of engineering and design – selling the region to others with this interest.

### **Potential local benefits**

- Potential to raise profile of area relative to central Edinburgh;
- Potential for tourism growth in South and North Queensferry – ensuring the whole tourism product is ready for the opportunity;
- Potential for developing the Bridge as a visitor attraction;
- Potential for a major visitor centre;
- Potential for increasing footfall on trains from Edinburgh;
- Potential for increasing cruise visitor footfall – World Heritage is a popular attraction for cruise ship tourists;

- New focus for heritage-related fundraising;
- New opportunities for socioeconomic investment – e.g. European Union trans-national projects with other World Heritage partners;
- New focus for community heritage projects;
- New focus for infrastructure developments in communities;
- Cultural glue for Forth communities – using the Bridge to tell the story of the Forth through the ages;
- Potential for major educational benefits – school/college/Further Education focus on the Bridge and links to other World Heritage Sites;
- Boost to local pride.

Question 3		
A.	Are there any additional benefits or opportunities that you feel World Heritage Site status for the Forth Bridge could potentially deliver for the Bridge, its local communities, the region and further afield?	Tick one box only  Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
B.	If Yes, can you briefly explain what these may be?	





## 9. Issues and Challenges

World Heritage Sites can be complex to manage and protect. In ensuring the effectiveness of management and protection regimes, it is critical that there is a clear understanding of the issues and challenges that are likely to present themselves.

Through work undertaken by the Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group, and by Rebanks Consulting, a number of key issues and challenges have been identified.

These can broadly be broken down into five areas – Operational Integrity and Conservation, Development Pressures, Presentation and Understanding, Management and Governance, and Local Community Benefits.

### Operational Integrity and Conservation

The Forth Bridge remains in daily use today, some 120 years from its conception, as the major rail artery connecting the north-east and south-east of Scotland. It is maintained to an exacting standard as a fully functioning railway bridge in daily commercial use.

These facts are central to the outstanding universal value of the Bridge. It is, therefore, crucial that it retains its central function, and this must be central both to the World Heritage nomination, and to the ongoing operation, management, and conservation of the Bridge.

### Development Pressures

The partners in the Steering Group are aware that, if not properly managed, the impact of a successful nomination might impact negatively on some aspects of life in the areas around the Bridge. For example, there are a number of potential development pressures that might follow the inscription of the Forth Bridge as a World Heritage site. These could include:

- A significant increase in the number of visitors to both North and South Queensferry;
- Potential alterations or additions to properties within or immediately adjacent to the Bridge;
- Destruction of valuable features and views around the Bridge in response to pressure from developers;
- An increase in the value of property in the neighbourhoods close to the Bridge;
- Increased demand for developments in the setting of the Bridge.

### Presentation and Understanding

Promoting appreciation and respect for any World Heritage Site is dependent on effective presentation. A key challenge in the management and promotion of the site will therefore be to develop ways in which the understanding of the Bridge, its construction and its past, can be translated to a wider audience.

Part of this will include increasing understanding of World Heritage, and why the Bridge is adjudged as having outstanding universal value.

At present there is very little in the way of physical access or interpretation for visitors. There is also no central focal point for on-line information. These and other access issues will need to be addressed as part of the management of the World Heritage Site.

### **Local Community Benefits**

A central aspect of this nomination is to look at ways in which World Heritage can help deliver benefits for the local communities. At the same time, it will be important to help people understand that World Heritage is not an answer for all issues. Attempting to deliver benefits for the communities will require a strong Management Group, a clear direction and excellent co-operation and co-ordination between management partners, local communities and other stakeholders.

One key example of an issue on which World Heritage could look to deliver benefits emerged during Rebanks Consulting's work on both the North and South banks of the Forth. This was the need to provide better infrastructure in local communities. In particular, there was a strong sense that local road and parking infrastructure was already stretched, but other issues such as public transport and visitor facilities were also cited.



### **Management and Governance**

A key challenge will be ensuring that the good work from the nomination phase can be continued into the delivery phase. It will be important to ensure that in the event of a successful nomination, management partners do not think that the hard work is over. An efficient and effective management structure will need to be put in place that can deliver the objectives and actions from the Management Plan.

Management objectives at World Heritage Sites are going to be limited in a time of restricted funding and resources, so it will be essential that creative thinking and joint working play a central part in the management of sites. This will be especially important when working to deliver benefits for the local communities.

Question 4		
A.	Have the key issues and challenges of World Heritage Site designation been identified?	Tick one box only Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
B.	If No (or Not Sure), can you identify any additional issues and challenges for the Property?	

## 10. Management Objectives and Actions

The final Management Plan that is submitted to UNESCO as part of the nomination dossier will contain a number of long, medium and short term objectives.

In considering the issues and challenges from the previous section, and while identifying ways in which benefits can be delivered to the Bridge and its communities, the objectives listed below are being proposed. They will be used to construct annual action plans in order to deliver specific projects and initiatives. In the event of the nomination being successful, the Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group will evolve into *Forth Bridge Management Group*, and its responsibility will be to ensure that these objectives are achievable, and that they are taken forward and delivered upon.

A small number of specific actions have also been identified in order to convey the types of activities that can be taken forward.

## Operational Integrity and Conservation

### Objectives

- That the Bridge continues to serve as a key element in the national rail network;
- To continue the ongoing maintenance of the Bridge to preserve its state of conservation and its operational integrity.

### Actions

- To monitor the state of conservation of the Bridge;
- The development of a Partnership Management Agreement for the Forth Bridge to tackle statutory (listed building consent) cases as efficiently and effectively as possible;
- The development of a strategy for managing views and visual access, and to improve the landscape setting by vegetation management.

Question 5	
A.	Have we identified the key objectives and actions to ensure the continuing operational integrity and conservation of the Bridge? Tick one box only Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
B.	If No (or Not Sure), please tell us what we may have missed



## Development Pressures

### Objectives

- To monitor existing mechanisms of protection(s) for the Bridge, its associated features and its setting, related cultural and natural heritage designations, and work towards complimentary protection systems on either side of the Bridge;
- To monitor and review the need for a Buffer Zone;
- To maintain a consistent approach to the use of controls to protect the outstanding universal value of the property, including its wider setting.

### Actions

- Ensure the interests of the World Heritage Site and its adjacent areas are incorporated into the Development Planning process by the local authorities.
- Review existing Conservation Areas and Designed Landscapes in their response to evolving development pressures;
- To consider the need for a key views study to support understanding of the wider setting of the Bridge.

Question 6	
A.	<p>Have we identified the key objectives and actions to manage development pressures in the immediate area and wider setting of the Bridge?</p> <p>Tick one box only</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/>      No <input type="checkbox"/>      Not sure <input type="checkbox"/></p>
B.	<p>If No (or Not Sure), please tell us what we have missed:</p>

## Presentation and Understanding

### Objectives

- To develop and promote an enhanced understanding of the value and attributes of the Bridge;
- To promote wider appreciation and awareness of engineering, bridge building and the importance of bridges in the stages of human history;
- To re-affirm Scotland's links to its industrial and engineering heritage and its contribution to the world;
- To promote the Forth Bridge in formal and informal education initiatives both locally and across Scotland, and use it to support the development of the Curriculum for Excellence.

### Actions

- To develop an interpretation strategy to help communicate the outstanding universal value of the site, and the relevance of its setting, to wider audiences;
- To consider the opportunities for physical and/or intellectual access to the bridge, and to other bridges in its setting, besides conventional use as a crossing by rail passengers;
- To develop a dedicated Forth Bridge World Heritage website.

Question 7	
A.	Have we identified the key objectives and actions to ensure the presentation and understanding of the Bridge, and its potential World Heritage designation are properly conveyed? Tick one box only Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
B.	If No (or Not Sure), please tell us what we have missed

## Local Community Benefits

### Objectives

- To explore dynamic means by which the Forth Bridge can act as a positive socio-economic driver in the local communities;
- To work with local authorities and local communities to ensure that the communities at either end of the Bridge are in a position to take advantage of the World Heritage designation;
- To foster increased co-ordination and joint working between authorities and organisations on both sides of the Forth.

### Actions

- Local communities will continue to develop working relationships between each other and various interest groups in order to engage in the promotion of the Bridge and its neighbouring settlements;
- Developing and implementing sustainable visitor management in a manner that maintains and enhances the quality of life in the areas around the Bridge, whilst protecting the outstanding universal value of the property;
- Working towards enhanced visitor facilities;
- Improvement to views of the Bridge with associated interpretation and vegetation management, in collaboration with local communities and business organisations.

Question 8	
A.	Have we identified the key objectives and actions to ensure that benefits can be delivered to the local communities? Tick one box only Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
B.	If No (or Not Sure), please tell us what we have missed:

**Management and Governance**

**Objectives**

- To maintain momentum generated by the work to nominate the Bridge on the part of all partner organisations and stakeholders, and to continue co-ordinated efforts to achieve the Management Vision;
- To identify and manage risk associated with World Heritage designation;
- To ensure a co-ordinated and creative approach in the management of the property and the delivery of the Management Plan objectives.

**Actions**

- To monitor and report on the condition of the property, and its wider setting, in respect of its outstanding universal value;
- To develop and implement effective management measures for all identified pressures, possible incidents and risks.

Question 9	
A.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">                     Have we identified the key objectives and actions to ensure that efficient and effective management and governance is put in place for the World Heritage Site?                 </div> <div style="width: 50%;">                     Tick one box only                      Yes <input type="checkbox"/>      No <input type="checkbox"/>      Not sure <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div>
B.	If No (or Not Sure), please tell us what we have missed:             

**11. ...and finally, is there anything we have forgotten?**

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this document, and for sharing your view with us. We are conscious that there may be other issues not covered by this consultation relating to the Forth Bridge’s nomination that may be of interest or concern to you, so we have one last question.



### Question 10

Are there any other issues specifically related to the World Heritage nomination of the Forth Bridge that have not already been included in this consultation? If there are, please let us know:

If you have chosen to fill in a hard-copy version of this form, you can drop it off at the Civic Centre in Inverkeithing, or at Queensferry Library. Alternatively, please send it by post to:

**Forth Bridge World Heritage, c/o Historic Scotland, Longmore House,  
Salisbury Place, Edinburgh EH9 1SH**

### RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

Please Note this form **must** be returned with your completed consultation to ensure that we handle your response appropriately.

**Please enter your organisation (if appropriate), name, postcode and contact details below. We would also be interested to know if you are a local resident or business organisation (or both).**

Organisation (if appropriate):	
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Name:	
<b>Postcode*</b>	
<b>Place*</b>	
<b>Country*</b>	
Email:	
Tick as appropriate:	I am a local resident <input type="checkbox"/> I have a local business <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>

## Important – how do you want us to handle your response?

### Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 and Data Protection Act 1998

Your comments will inform the preparation of the documents for the Forth Bridge's World Heritage nomination. The information you provide, including personal details, will be recorded by the Forth Bridges Forum. This may be used to send you notification and updates in relation to the consultation and will be retained on a database for approximately five years.

Following this consultation, a report containing a summary of the responses, which may include your name, will be published on the Forth Bridge World Heritage website. Copies of the responses will be available to the public on request. We will assume that you agree to your response being made public, but shall endeavour to withhold your personal data from the public domain. If you do not wish your personal data to be made publicly available, please tick the appropriate box in the form below and we will redact or omit your personal data if access to your response is requested. However you should be aware that membership of the Forth Bridges Forum includes public bodies and it is therefore subject to the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004. We are therefore obliged to consider any requests to see full responses made under the terms of this legislation, regardless of whether or not respondents have asked for their personal data to be treated as confidential.

Question: Individual or Organisation?	
<b>Have you responded to this consultation as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?</b>	Tick one box only Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation <input type="checkbox"/>

Question: Confidentiality	
<b>Do you agree to your response being made available to the public?</b>	Tick one box only Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Note that this might entail making your response available in the libraries, civic centres and/or websites of the members of the Forth Bridges Forum	

Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public based on your choice below. Note that if you have responded on behalf of an organisation, we will make your response and the name of your organisation available to the public.

Options	
<b>Please tick one of the following boxes?</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, make my response and name available <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, make my response available, but not my name	
Are you content for members of the Forth Bridges Forum to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?	Tick one box only Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>