

## Comments

### Consultation on the review of our Hydropower Good Practice Guidelines (01/07/11 to 23/09/11)

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#### Question 12 (General observations)

**Please let us know of any further points that you feel have not been captured in this consultation. If it relates to a specific piece of text it would be useful if you could cross reference it. If not please identify the issue clearly and provide any supporting evidence.**

We welcome the recognition that sites (e.g. weirs) for hydropower development may be considered of heritage value and that as such, other permission may be required (Section 5.4). However, this section (or Section 2 Environmental Site Audit) would benefit from briefly listing what these permissions are and from whom they should be sought. This does not need to be extensive, rather it should act as a signpost to relevant resources and advice.

Heritage-sensitive development can often be achieved through early engagement with historic environment professionals during the initial stages of option appraisal for project development as impacts can result from both adaptation of the structure for power generation and to facilitate fish passage. It would, therefore, be extremely helpful to identify this additional aspect of environmental appraisal in the Good Practice Guidance (GPG), flagging the appropriate timing and nature of engagement that will ensure development opportunities and permissions can be handled efficiently. English Heritage would welcome the opportunity to support the Environment Agency in the incorporation of this component to the second edition of GPG and would be able to advise on appropriate text to signpost relevant information.

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