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18. Cultural Heritage

18.1 Scope of Assessment

Consultation Responses

- 18.1.1 To inform the scope of the assessment for the Proposed Development, consultation was undertaken with statutory and non-statutory bodies. Table 18.1 summarises the scoping and consultation responses relevant to the Landscape and Visual Assessment and provides information on where and/or how points raised have been addressed in this assessment.
- 18.1.2 Full details on the consultation responses and scoping opinion can be reviewed in Chapter 5: Scoping and Consultation, and associated appendices.

Table 18.1 Consultation Responses

Consultee	Issue Raised	Response/Action Taken
Historic Environment Scotland Scoping Response - 3 July 2024	We can confirm that it is unlikely that the proposals will impact on any assets within our remit, and we are therefore content for our historic environment interests to be scoped out of any subsequent Environmental Impact Assessment.	Cultural heritage has been scoped out of the EIA on the basis of this and an equivalent response from the Highland Council Historic Environment Team.
The Highland Council Historic Environment Team Scoping Response 17 July 2024	Highland Council's Historic Environment Team have not provided any further comments. They provided comments for the preapplication response 23/01810/PREMAJ previously which noted there are no recorded historic environment assets within the proposed development site boundary and the potential presence and survival of unrecorded remains is considered to be low. As such, direct impacts to cultural heritage are not envisaged to be a significant constraint in this case.	Noted – cultural heritage has been scoped out of the EIA on the basis of this and an equivalent response from Historic Environment Scotland.
The Highland Council Pre-application Advice Report 7/06/2023	There are no recorded historic environment assets within the boundary of the proposed development and the potential for the presence and survival of unrecorded remains is considered to be low. In this case, there is no specific mitigation in regard to the historic environment that would be required in advance of development within this boundary.	Noted – cultural heritage has been scoped out of the EIA on the basis of this and an equivalent response from the Historic Environment Scotland.

- 18.1.3 The Proposed Development would be situated in an area containing no recorded historic environment assets and the potential for the presence and survival of unrecorded remains is considered by both the Highland Council Historic Environment Team and Historic Environment Scotland to be low. On this basis, cultural heritage has been scoped out of the EIA.

18.2 Mitigation

- 18.2.1 Should any potential historic environment assets be identified within the site during construction, these would be investigated by an appropriately qualified archaeologist before proceeding with any activity which could destroy them.

18.3 Conclusion

- 18.3.1 The Proposed Development would be situated in an area containing no recorded historic environment assets and the potential for the presence and survival of unrecorded remains is considered by both the Highland Council Historic Environment Team and Historic Environment Scotland to be low. On this basis, cultural heritage has been scoped out of the EIA.