Hadrian's Wall Management Plan 2024-2029

Annual Review - Agreed Amendments

September 2026, Hadrian's Wall Partnership Board (HWPB)

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https://hadrianswallcountry.co.uk/management-plans/

The Hadrian's Wall Partnership discussed and agreed the following amendments to the Hadrian's' Wall Management Plan 2024-2029 on the recommendations of the Delivery Groups and the Co-ordination team, on September 18th 2026:

Vision, Policies & Actions
https://hadrianswallcountry.co.uk/management/vision-policies-actions/

Policy 1d: Active research and data analysis, both with reference to archaeology and wider management issues, should underpin the management of the World Heritage Site.

Action: Identify, collate, and analyse necessary sources of data from across all appropriate sectors.

Proposed amendment: Change 'necessary' to 'appropriate'. (Archaeological Research Delivery Group)

HWPB Decision - Policy 1d : Proposed wording accepted

Policy 4a: Local Planning Authorities should protect or better reveal all those elements of the Roman frontier that relate to OUV of the World Heritage Site, whether or not these are formally designated for national or international protection, in line with Footnote 72 of the NPPF (non-designated heritage assets of archaeological interest, which are demonstrably of equivalent significance to scheduled monument).

Proposed amendment: What is meant by 'reveal'? Would 'display' be better? (Archaeological Research Delivery Group)

HWPB Decision - Policy 4a : 'Reveal' is a specific word used in planning policy so should remain.

Policy 4c: Where archaeological intervention is justified and cannot be avoided, Local Authorities should, as part of the Planning process, require from a developer full funding for the archaeological fieldwork, including conservation and cataloguing of finds and for publication, archiving, and public interpretation. Where appropriate, they should also be required to fund fully the conservation of structures excavated as a result of development.

Proposed amendment: Add 'analysis' in before 'for publication' (Archaeological Research Delivery Group)

HWPB Decision - Policy 4c : Change to '….. and for analysis, publication, archiving…..'

Policy 7a: Management of the World Heritage Site will take account of the likely effects of climate change that might threaten OUV.

Action: Undertake research on how the World Heritage Site might be affected by climate change, and how this might best be avoided or mitigated.

Proposed amendment: Change 'might be affected' to 'is affected' or 'will be affected' (Archaeological Research Delivery Group)

HWPB Decision - Policy 7a : Add '..affected by climate change, what the impact would be…'

Policy 10c: Where possible, non-invasive methods of archaeological investigation should be used in preference to excavation.

Proposed amendment: Change 'Where possible' to 'Where appropriate' (Archaeological Research Delivery Group)

HWPB Decision - Policy 10c : Proposed wording approved

Policy 10d: Excavation should only take place where there is an appropriate research design and full resource for the provision for post-excavation work, for publication, archiving, and for the conservation of finds.

Proposed amendment: To the end of the Policy, add 'An appropriate level of non-intrusive methods (geophysics, lidar) should be undertaken in advance of archaeological excavation.' (Archaeological Research Delivery Group)

HWPB Decision - Policy 10d : Proposed wording not accepted. This would be included in a research design.

Description Under 'General'
https://hadrianswallcountry.co.uk/management/description/

Proposed amendment: In keeping with discussions in previous years, ARDG recommend 'civilian settlement' be changed to 'extramural settlement' throughout the Description section. (Archaeological Research Delivery Group)

HWPB Decision – Description section : Proposed wording accepted

Description Under 'Building of Hadrian's Wall'

'Its purpose, according to his biographer, writing two centuries later, was 'to divide the Romans from the barbarians'.

Proposed amendment: Change to 'According to the anonymous late-antique text Historia Augusta, written in the late fourth century or later, its purpose was 'to divide the Romans from the barbarians'. (Archaeological Research Delivery Group)

HWPB Decision – Description section : Proposed wording accepted

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September 18th 2026

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