

Question 1 – Have we fully identified all key stakeholders or can you identify others?

The broad groupings (Landowners, Local Community, Education & Research, Tourism, Access and Local Business, and Culture and Natural Heritage) accurately identify all the key stakeholders in general terms. It could be acknowledged that beyond those specifically named, there are other organisations which are stakeholders in the management, conservation and protection of the Wall.

Question 2 – Have we fully summarised the projects delivered, and lessons learned from the first Management Plan, or are there projects/lessons we have missed?

The summary of projects delivered and lessons learned from the first Management Plan is comprehensive. No projects or lessons appear to have been missed.

Question 3 – Is the vision appropriate or is anything missing from it?

The 30-year vision for the Antonine Wall is considered to be appropriate and while it is suitably aspirational in the main, the idea that the Wall would become established as a 'world class' visitor experience may be unrealistic.

Question 4 – Are there any other strategic, long-term aims which you think should have been considered?

It is not considered that the six long-term aims for period to 2043 identified are all-encompassing and no long-term aims have been omitted.

Question 5 – Have we identified the key objectives to manage, conserve and protect the Antonine Wall WHS?

Sixteen objectives have been identified to manage, conserve and protect the Antonine Wall World Heritage Site. In summary these relate to the development of mechanisms for reviewing the physical condition of the site and implementing and monitoring the implementation of the management plan and other key documents such as Supplementary Planning Guidance. The objectives include preparing frameworks for conservation, monitoring and risk and a set of management principles. The acknowledgement of the Antonine Wall in relevant planning, regulatory and policy documents, including corporate policy frameworks is identified as important to achieving long-term aims.

One objective that could be usefully included is the 're-adoption' of the Supplementary Planning Guidance as statutory supplementary guidance forming part of the development plan. This would afford the guidance – and therefore the protection of the Antonine Wall – greater weight within the development management process.

Question 6 – Have we identified the key objectives to promote awareness and understanding of the Antonine Wall WHS?

All key objectives for promoting awareness and understanding of the Antonine Wall WHS are included in the management plan. The development of a long-distance route to promote and enhance the Wall and link communities along it is especially supported.

Question 7 – Have we identified the key objectives to realise the educational potential of the Antonine Wall WHS?

The development and implementation of an education strategy for the Antonine Wall provides a starting point for realising the educational potential of the Wall and more targeted actions.

Question 8 – Have we identified the key objectives to improve partnership working across the Antonine Wall WHS?

Strong partnerships, including with local communities, are very important to the management of the Antonine Wall. The Management Plan identifies as key objectives the partnerships where working relationships must be maintained and enhanced. How this will be achieved will be an important issue going forward.

Question 9 – Have we identified the key objectives to balancing wider environmental issues across the Antonine Wall WHS?

The key objectives for balancing wider environmental issues across the Antonine Wall have been identified. It is important to consider how management of the Antonine Wall can have a positive impact on biodiversity, rather than just 'areas of natural heritage concern' as noted in Objective 5.2.

Question 10 – Have we identified the key objectives to increasing research across the Antonine Wall WHS?

The key objectives for increasing research across the Antonine Wall have been identified.

Question 11 – Do you agree with the results of the Environmental Assessment in Appendix D and have the key issues associated with the environmental implications of the draft Plan been identified?

We agree with the results of the Environmental Assessment and that potential environmental effects of the Management Map have been adequately captured.