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HISTORIC ENGLAND'S HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GOOD PRACTICE ADVICE NOTES

Action

1. Inspectors will wish to be aware of the publication on 25 & 27 March 2015 of three new Historic Environment Good Practice Advice Notes by Historic England, following a consultation by the former English Heritage last year.
2. These Good Practice Advice Notes are intended to supersede the guidance in the Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment *Historic Environment Practice Guide* (2010) and various pieces of Historic England guidance, as part of a wider guidance review the organisation has been carrying out. However, the Good Practice Advice Notes have not been endorsed by Government and are therefore not part of the Government's Guidance. That said, Historic England replaces English Heritage as the Government's adviser on the historic environment and weight can be attached to its advice accordingly.
3. The PPS5 Practice Guide was cancelled by Government on 27 March 2015.
4. The Good Practice Advice Notes are intended to provide supporting information on good practice, particularly looking at the principles of how national policy and guidance can be put into practice. They follow the main themes of the planning system - planning-making and decision-taking - and other issues significant for good decision-making affecting heritage assets.
5. The three Good Practice Advice Notes published so far are:

- [Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 1: *The Historic Environment in Local Plans*](#);
 - [Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 2: *Managing Significance in Decision-Taking in the Historic Environment*](#);
 - [Historic Environment Good Practice Advice in Planning Note 3: *The Setting of Heritage Assets*](#).
6. Please note that Historic Environment Good Practice Advice Note 3: *The Setting of Heritage Assets* supersedes the previous English Heritage guidance *The Setting of Heritage Assets* (2011), which has been withdrawn.
 7. Historic England [has also indicated](#) that a further Historic Environment Good Practice Advice Note 4: *Enabling Development*, is forthcoming, and this PINS Note will be updated upon its publication as appropriate.
 8. Additionally, the Draft Inspector CPD Technical Competence Training Material – England on the Historic Environment will be updated shortly to reflect the content of this PINS Note.

Background

9. The report of [the External Review of Government Planning Practice Guidance](#) submitted by Lord Taylor of Goss Moor in October 2010 identified that the PPS5 Practice Guide was out of date, albeit that the policy in PPS5 itself had largely been carried through to the NPPF.
10. The report noted that English Heritage was working with the Historic Environment Forum – a sector wide body including development and heritage interests - on new guidance to underpin the NPPF, and recommended withdrawal of the PPS5 Practice Guide only once replacement guidance had been issued by the sector, in order to support the NPPF.
11. On 16 July 2014, English Heritage published the first three Good Practice Advice Notes in draft for consultation, which closed on 5 September 2014. As of 1 April 2015, English Heritage separated into two organisations, with planning-related functions now under the remit of [Historic England](#).
12. Please contact XXXX if you have any queries on this Note.

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