

ENGLISH HERITAGE

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Dear Sirs

Integrated Risk Management Plan 2015-20

Thank you for inviting us to comment on Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service's Integrated Risk Management Plan 2015-20.

As you will be aware, English Heritage is the Government's adviser on the historic environment and has a statutory role in the planning system. English Heritage also gives advice on aspects affecting ancient monuments, historic buildings and conservation areas.

We welcome the inclusion of heritage as one of the 'Significant Risks in Shropshire' and the Fire and Rescue Service having information on Ironbridge Gorge, a World Heritage Site and listed buildings across the county. However, Shropshire has a rich and varied historic environment which includes a number of other types of designated heritage assets that ought to be considered in this section. Even below ground archaeology could be put at risk due to wild land files and we would suggest that this information is included in Shropshire's database. Designated assets in Shropshire includes:-

465 Scheduled Monuments32 Registered Parks and GardensI Registered BattlefieldI29 Conservation Areas

Details of these designated assets can be provided by your local Historic Environment Record, which is hosted by Shropshire Council.

We would also recommend consulting the Fire Research Database which can be found on our website at <u>www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/research/buildings/fire-researchdatabase/</u>. This database is maintained by English Heritage and was set up by the Historic Buildings Fire Research Co-ordinating Committee, to enable all those responsible in any capacity for historic buildings to share information on related fire safety matters.



I hope that you find these comments useful and would be very happy to discuss them with you at any time.

Yours faithfully,

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