

## November 2008

### **Lynda Addison is appointed a Commissioner of English Heritage (EH)**

Barbara Follett, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Lynda Addison has been appointed as an EH Commissioner. Her term of appointment runs from 20 October 2008 to 19 October 2012.

#### **Biographical notes**

Currently, Ms Addison is managing director of a consultancy company advising central and local government clients on improving planning services, sustainable transport, regeneration, and management (1996 to date). Prior to this, she pursued a career in local government holding a variety of planning posts including Principal Planner for Norfolk County Council, Controller of Planning for the London Borough of Harrow, and Director of Planning & Transport for the London Borough of Hounslow (1975 to 1995). She has undertaken reviews for the Government of local authority's performance in planning, the impact of Planning Delivery Grant, as well as led the production of a Good Practice Guide on travel planning. She is a trustee of the Town and Country Planning Association and a Visiting Professor in Planning at the University of Westminster. She was awarded the OBE for services to Town and Country Planning in 2007. She has undertaken no political activity during the past five years.

#### **Background**

English Heritage was established by the National Heritage Act 1983 as the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England. It is an executive non-departmental body with a Commission appointed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and is the Government's statutory adviser on the Historic Environment.

EH receives around 75% of its funding from DCMS and the remainder is self-generated from commercial activity and fund-raising. Its responsibilities include improving understanding of the past through research and study; providing conservation grants, advisory and education services; maintaining the National Monuments Record; and opening over 400 properties with around 11 million visitors per annum.

The remuneration of EH Commissioner is directly linked to responsibilities undertaken such as attending/chairing advisory committees and/or duties as a regional Commissioner. The remuneration range is currently £3,950 to £9,020 per annum.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.