

PEER REVIEW OF ENGLISH HERITAGE

A Peer Review of English Heritage has been jointly commissioned by English Heritage and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the process which has replaced the former quinquennial reviews. This review follows those of the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council and of Arts Council England.

It will be taking place in late June/early July 2006 and will be carried out by a team of six 'peers', chaired by Dame Mavis MacDonald, former Permanent Secretary at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

During the course of the review, the team will meet a number of people representing the heritage sector, developers, and national and local government. They will also consult widely in advance, and a range of organisations with whom we work will be asked to submit their written views. .

Simon Thurley, Chief Executive of English Heritage, said: "I am very pleased that the Peer Review has been commissioned at this time. It comes a year after English Heritage formally completed its modernisation programme and also a year after the new strategy *Making the Past Part of the Future* was launched. We will be able to consider the findings in the context of the forthcoming Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee report and of the data we now gather from our annual stakeholder survey. The findings will provide a valuable view on the progress English Heritage has made over the last few years.