

Landscape Character Assessment Review: A Joint SNH and LIS Event

Location

This review took place in June 2019 at Scottish Natural Heritage, Battleby, Perth.

Participants

There were over sixty participants taking part, including speakers, facilitators, and attendees from a wide variety of public and private organisations

Purpose

The purpose of the review was to:

- Review the existing suite of 27 LCAs
- Discuss revisions and updates
- Review forces for change and recommendations for revised landscape guidelines
- Check underlining landscape characterisation and major landscape changes
- Improve format and mapping systems
- Provide new data sets with the object of providing a single unified and robust database

Format

The format of the day consisted of:

- Introduction by Laura Campbell of SNH
- Presentation by Professor Carys Swanwick on the development and content of LCAs
- Perspectives on the Review by representatives from SNH, Landscape Consultant, Local Authority, Historic Environment Scotland, and Geographical Information Systems.
- These presentations were followed by four workshops covering
 - Improving/refining the new dataset;
 - Uses and application of LCA;
 - Wider audiences for LCA;
 - Links between LCA and other assessment data and methodologies
- Feedback from workshops by facilitators – chaired by Marc van Grieken, LIS and a Q & A Panel
- Summary and next steps – presented by Peter Rawcliffe, Head of People and Places SNH.

This was an excellent day for those with an interest in Landscape Character Assessment and greatly appreciated by those who took part.



Participants assembling



Q & A panel