

HistBEKE Spring 2018 Survey

Our summer survey last year, and the focus group workshops held in Autumn 2017, have provided a us with a number of recommendations for the structure of the HistBEKE framework, building types that you would like to prioritise for further research/knowledge enhancement, and many other ideas and suggestions.

We would like to hear your views on these recommendations, so we have created this survey to help us record your thoughts. Please take a few minutes to answer the questions below, which are all multiple choice. The first few questions relate to your engagement with the HistBEKE project and your views on the recommendations, followed by a couple of short questions about you/your organisation to provide some context. None of these ask for any personal information.

Your responses will help us to refine our recommendations to Historic England, a summary of which will be published on our website in due course.

1. How have you engaged with the HISTBEKE project so far?

	Attended / joined / used / followed / read	Aware of but not engaged with	Not aware of
Email	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facebook	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Focus Group Workshop	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LinkedIn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mailing List	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Project Documents such as the classification scheme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Twitter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Website and Blog	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Has the HistBEKE project changed your awareness of research and/or knowledge exchange frameworks?*

- Yes
 No, I was already aware / very aware of research frameworks
 No, I remain not very aware / unaware of research frameworks
 Not sure

3. Has the HistBEKE project changed your attitude towards research and/or knowledge exchange frameworks?*

- Yes, I now see their potential usefulness
 No, I was already in favour of research frameworks
 No, I still cannot see the value of research frameworks
 Not sure

4. The following suggestions have been made for the purposes and aims of the HistBEKE framework - do you agree that these are good ideas?

	Agree	Disagree	Unsure
The purpose of HistBEKE should be clearly stated on the home page	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The knowledge exchange should provide a 'one-stop-shop' for all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

information on the built historic environment (recent research, current projects, guidance, publications etc)

As a separate element to the knowledge exchange, a research agenda/framework should be provided for setting research questions and strategies

The 'sector' and the community should lead the agenda

Through the inclusion of current research projects HistBEKE should help to link groups and organisations who may be undertaking similar work, which will in turn provide opportunities for potential partnerships

HistBEKE should help to identify 'trends' in research

HistBEKE should be an aide to prioritising decision-making

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5. The following suggestions have been made for the presentation & design of the HistBEKE framework – do you agree that these are good ideas?

Agree **Disagree** **Unsure**

The knowledge exchange should be accessible to all audiences, with no log-in required

It should be user-friendly – easy, simple and clear

It should have a simple, Google-style search which is flexible as well as an advanced search option

The knowledge exchange should act like a gateway, providing links / signposts to information, rather than providing information itself

Copyright Issues (for heritage statements, appraisals etc) need to be considered and caveats provided if applicable

It should be a requirement of planning approval to upload heritage statements/appraisals/reports to OASIS, which will then feed into the Framework via OASIS+ (www.oasis.ac.uk)

It should allow regular updates with new information / research questions

There should be a way of showing if and how research questions have been answered

Input should be moderated, especially for the research agenda

It must be kept current / up-to-date using a wiki-style web platform (with a dated record of changes) rather than a published PDF document

Specialist panels / forums should meet to discuss and agree updates for the research agenda

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6. The following suggestions have been made for the content & functionality of the HistBEKE framework – do you agree that these are good ideas?

Agree **Disagree** **Unsure**

The knowledge exchange should include/signpost to best practice examples, e.g. for writing heritage statements

Links to existing listed building resources, such as selection guides, should be included

The knowledge exchange should indicate the existence of archival records via links to gateways such as that provided by The National Archives

It should include/provide links to all existing research frameworks (national & regional) so that they are in one central, accessible location

Details of future, current and recent research should be provided, along with contacts for the organisations involved

It should include a user-generated events section to list conferences and other events that may be of interest to the wider community

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HistBEKE should include discussion boards/forums, and an opportunity to suggest new research questions/topics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
HistBEKE should include a contacts section which is managed by users (you can choose to add your own contact details and information about areas of expertise)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It should provide a platform for heritage statements to be more easily available	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Links to GIS, land-use, Ordnance Survey and similar databases should be included	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There should be the opportunity to flag gaps identified at development management (DM) level, such as a forum for DM officers to say 'this is what we need'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It should include non-text outputs such as films, digital, VR etc	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It should include links to MA and PhD thesis archives / repositories	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Do you have any other suggestions?

8. It has been suggested that the following building types would benefit from new/additional research. How strongly do you agree?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Boundary features	<input type="radio"/>				
Buildings for scientific research	<input type="radio"/>				
Buildings resulting from Interwar town planning	<input type="radio"/>				
Business parks	<input type="radio"/>				
Castles	<input type="radio"/>				
Chapels	<input type="radio"/>				
Dual-use buildings that combine dwelling and workplace - 'workhomes'	<input type="radio"/>				
Expanded towns	<input type="radio"/>				
Housing Association buildings and Local Authority housing	<input type="radio"/>				
Industrial estates	<input type="radio"/>				
Makeshift housing / hovels	<input type="radio"/>				
Museums	<input type="radio"/>				
Oddfellows Movement (and similar) – housing, insurance etc, mutual societies/clubs	<input type="radio"/>				
Petrol stations	<input type="radio"/>				
Small buildings	<input type="radio"/>				
Terracotta facades	<input type="radio"/>				
Theatres, cinemas and entertainment buildings	<input type="radio"/>				
Transport – tube stations, train stations, bus garages, 19th century urban horse transport buildings	<input type="radio"/>				
20th Century hotels, restaurants, cafés, motels etc	<input type="radio"/>				

20th Century industrial heritage	<input type="radio"/>				
Upstanding archaeology	<input type="radio"/>				
Utilities and infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>				
Water management structures (eg dams) and infrastructure	<input type="radio"/>				
Workers' buildings - housing / institutes / clubs	<input type="radio"/>				

9. Do you have any other suggestions?

10. The following areas have also been suggested as being under-researched. How strongly do you agree that these are knowledge gaps?*

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Asset disposal	<input type="radio"/>				
Buildings associated with Colonialism (banks / country houses / town houses)	<input type="radio"/>				
Building Information Management (BIM)	<input type="radio"/>				
Buildings which are at risk either now or potentially in the future, and how to predict this	<input type="radio"/>				
Change in use / adaptive re-use / new use / Regeneration	<input type="radio"/>				
Communal value	<input type="radio"/>				
Conservation philosophy	<input type="radio"/>				
Craft skills	<input type="radio"/>				
Fire safety / planning	<input type="radio"/>				
Historic use of earth plaster (non-lime based)	<input type="radio"/>				
Historical associations / social history of buildings and the people who lived in or used them	<input type="radio"/>				
Innovation in building methods/materials	<input type="radio"/>				
Intangible heritage	<input type="radio"/>				
Integrated management of the diversity of building types in historic cities	<input type="radio"/>				
Interiors, including fixtures and fittings, e.g. theatres, industrial, domestic	<input type="radio"/>				
Marginalised heritage	<input type="radio"/>				
Modern construction techniques	<input type="radio"/>				
New and alternative survey techniques, e.g. laser scanning, drones, 3D modelling	<input type="radio"/>				
Non-designated heritage	<input type="radio"/>				
Non-traditional building materials for late 19th to early 20th century buildings	<input type="radio"/>				
Past and present changes (extension/alteration) to commercial/retail buildings	<input type="radio"/>				
Regional surveys of character and importance	<input type="radio"/>				
Responses to climate change, including flooding and increased rainfall	<input type="radio"/>				

Retro-fit – what’s happening, what’s working and what isn’t working	<input type="radio"/>				
Significance	<input type="radio"/>				
Sources and identification of traditional building materials, e.g. stone, brick, mortars etc	<input type="radio"/>				
The impact of architectural 'fashion' on building design and modification	<input type="radio"/>				
The National / local interface	<input type="radio"/>				
Townscape character / assemblages of buildings / setting and landscapes / curtilage	<input type="radio"/>				

11. Do you have any other suggestions?

12. Given the developments so far (see e.g. the Workshops Summary Report here: https://histbeke.org/project_documents/), do you think this project is moving towards something you might use?

- Yes
 No
 Not sure
 Comments

13. Which region of England do you normally work in?*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> East of England | <input type="checkbox"/> East Midlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North East | <input type="checkbox"/> North West |
| <input type="checkbox"/> London | <input type="checkbox"/> South East |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South West | <input type="checkbox"/> West Midlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yorkshire and Humberside | <input type="checkbox"/> None - National / All Regions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify | |

14. What type of organisation do you work for?*

- Academic Institution
 Architectural Practice
 Commercial Contractor: historic buildings investigation / specialist services
 Local Authority / National Park: Archaeology
 Local Authority / National Park: Built environment / conservation
 National Amenity Society
 National or other body that commissions historic environment investigations
 National or local society or community group
 None / Independent Researcher
 Planning / Heritage Consultancy
 Other, please specify

15. What is the main type of work that you undertake?*

- Archaeology
 Alteration / extension / repair of historic buildings, including new design
 Building conservation / maintenance

- Building survey / Recording / Research
- Design and new build in historic areas
- Desk Based Assessments / Environmental Impact Assessments in advance of planning & redevelopment
- Heritage protection casework: consents, approvals, designation
- Historic Area Assessments / Appraisals
- Materials science / analysis
- All of the above
- Other, please specify

16. How have you responded to this survey?*

- As an individual (all responses are my own)
- As an organisation (I am responding as a representative of my organisation)
- Other, please specify

17. Are you a member of a professional organisation/body?*

- ARB
- IHBC
- RICS
- Other, please specify
- CIfA
- RIBA
- RTPI