

Tentative List Frequently Asked Questions

Who should complete the application form?

Anyone, for example the manager or owner of the site or the Local Authority, can complete the application. If there is a main owner it is not likely that a site could progress without their agreement. It is also essential that the Local Authority supports the application even if they do not submit it themselves.

Where can I get information and advice about completing the application form?

The application pack - available on the DCMS website - contains a great deal of information. You should also refer to the UNESCO guidance as indicated in the application pack, as this contains essential guidance on some of the key UNESCO concepts included in the form. General questions on the application process can be addressed to UK National Commission (UKNC), as indicated on the application form.

Can I get any financial assistance or support for preparing this application?

It is for applicants to resource their own application; no funding is available from the Government.

Can I get advice on the likely chance of success of my application, and if so where from?

No advice on the merits of applications for individual sites is available from the Government or from the UK heritage agencies. It is for applicants to source such advice as required. **General advice** on the application process may be sought from the UK National Commission (UKNC). Information Notes on a range of World Heritage topics are also available to applicants (see DCMS website), and should be read before applications are completed.

What happens once my form is submitted?

It will be considered by the expert panel. You will be contacted if any further information is required. The expert panel will make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and you will be informed as to whether your application has been successful.

Who will decide on the final list of sites for the new UK Tentative List?

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport following consultation with the Ministers responsible for cultural and natural heritage in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Will applicants be interviewed by the Expert Panel?

Not necessarily. It will depend on whether further information is required and how it should be provided.

What is the role of the expert panel?

To consider all the applications and to assess whether or not they have the potential to meet UNESCO's requirements for inscription on the World Heritage List. This is explained in the application pack.

If my site gets on to the new Tentative List, will I get funding to help me prepare the nomination?

There can be no presumption that funding will be available from Government or Heritage organisations to meet the cost of the nomination process nor for the management of sites. It is important that those considering applying make their own provision for these requirements

Can I submit extra information or documents in addition to the application form?

In order for the expert panel to consider all applications on the same basis it is important that applicants use the form provided and do not provide extra material other than the maps, plan and photographs indicated. If further information is needed this will be requested by the expert panel.

What is the application timetable?

The closing date for applications is 11 June 2010.

Will there be an appeal process if my application is unsuccessful?

No; Ministers' decision will be final.