

**PE1696/C**

Petitioner submission of 10 December 2018

Bothwell Historical Society does not share the Scottish Government's contention that battlefield sites are well protected by current legislation. We note that recent applications for developments at Culloden would suggest that further or updated legislation would seem to be appropriate.

We believe that the response from VisitScotland reflects our contention that tourism makes a vital contribution to the nation's economy. Having been in the doldrums for many years and having been dominated by an Anglo centric approach to Scottish history. A renaissance has taken place in the study of the country's past and this has been reflected not only in increased local interest and but also by people from furth of Scotland. This requires to be recognised and encouraged by government at local and national level and our heritage needs to be protected from the short-term interests of rapacious developers

We note with disappointment the lack of response to the Committee's request for comment from other organisations and we express our appreciation to the Committee for their response to our petition.