

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding (the “MoU”) dated (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022), is made by and between the following parties:

International Council on Monuments and Sites UK (hereafter ICOMOS-UK) with a business address at 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ

AND

World Heritage UK (hereafter WHUK) with a business address at c/o The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, Coach Road, Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7DQ, United Kingdom.

### ***Purpose***

Both ICOMOS-UK and WHUK work to promote the implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention (1972). Both organisations do so slightly differently, although they share significant similarities in terms of areas of interest, methods of operation, stakeholders and members.

The purpose of this MoU is to optimise the synergies achievable by working co-operatively and to help clarify the nature of both organisations and the role they play in the heritage sector for the benefit of better understanding by all.

Both partners will fully retain their independence but will commit to working together in a positive and supportive relationship.

### ***Forms of Cooperation***

The partners will:

- Continue to be corporate members of each other’s organizations by mutual agreement
- Arrange informal meetings between representatives of the two organisations on a regular basis and not less than twice a year to ensure on-going information exchange
- Ensure, as far as possible, complementarity in the work of the two organisations
- Seek to cooperate, where possible, on key events and other activities such as marketing and communications initiatives
- Increase awareness of the respective roles and responsibilities of the two organisations

### ***Management of the MoU***

This MoU will be implemented mainly through liaison between the Secretary of ICOMOS-UK and the Chair of WHUK. This is an informal and non-legally binding agreement made in good faith between both organisations. Both parties will use their best endeavours to see that the spirit of the co-operation outlined above is maintained.

**Who we are**

**ICOMOS-UK**

ICOMOS-UK is the UK National Committee of ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) which has a special role as an official adviser to UNESCO on cultural World Heritage Sites. Both were formed in 1985 and both are membership organisations. ICOMOS-UK became a charity in 1992 and a CIO in 2016 (Registered Charity 1175871). It promotes and provides independent advice on appreciation and understanding of cultural heritage conservation, policy and practice in the UK and worldwide, and has a special focus on World Heritage Sites.

ICOMOS-UK is funded mainly from membership subscriptions, both individual and corporate. It also raises income from an annual programme of events that encompass lectures, conferences and capacity building activities.

Its voluntary Trustees, including a President and Treasurer, are elected by members and form an Executive Committee. The organisation is maintained by a small number of part-time staff.

ICOMOS-UK is not a campaigning organisation and is politically neutral. It does engage from time to time in public consultations on planning matters.

**World Heritage UK**

World Heritage UK (WHUK) was established in 2015 as an independent charitable organisation (Registered Charity 1163364) to represent all sites in the UK (cultural, natural, mixed and cultural landscapes) and its overseas territories, as a successor organisation to the former Local Authority World Heritage Forum (LAWHF). WHUK retained the same aims of networking, advocacy and promotion but added greater emphasis on professional training and took on individual members.

WHUK is predominantly funded through annual subscriptions from member organisations and individuals, plus income derived from events. It runs an annual programme of training events, network meetings plus an annual conference. It is governed by a board of 12 voluntary Trustees from within the sector, supported by a President and small body of staff.

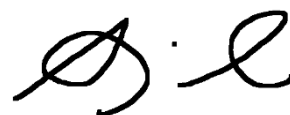
WHUK works predominantly in the UK but also internationally, engaging with training organisations such as the British Council and the European Association of World Heritage Sites.

WHUK works on behalf of its membership. It is politically neutral, is not a pressure group or lobby organisation and rarely has it become engaged in campaigns or site-specific planning issues.

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