

Flow Country World Heritage Site Project 1

The Flow Country

The Flow Country, known sometimes as "The Flows", is a vast expanse of peatland in Caithness and Sutherland. It is considered to be the best habitat of its type in the world and is on the UK's tentative list for World Heritage Sites.

The Peatlands Partnership has taken on the task of submitting an application on behalf of The Flow Country and we would be really interested to hear what you think about the prospect of a World Heritage Site in Caithness and Sutherland!

What does it mean?

When we say "The Flow Country" or "The Flows", what does that mean to you?

Is it special?

Is The Flow Country special to you?

(please select one answer)

Yes No

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If so, please tell us why?

Visiting the Flow Country

How often do you visit The Flow Country and where do you go?

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Importance to community

Do you feel that The Flow Country is important to your local community?

(please select one answer)

Yes No

If so, please tell us why?

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Why do you think people like to visit The Flow Country?

Importance to local identity

Do you feel that The Flow Country is an important part of local identity in your area?

(please select one answer)

Yes No

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If so, please tell us why?

Impact of World Heritage Site

The Flow Country could become a World Heritage Site in the future.

Do you believe that this will have a positive impact on Caithness and Sutherland?

(please select one answer)

Yes No

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Please give a reason for your answer.

Benefits of World Heritage Site

We have identified a number of possible benefits of living or working in a World Heritage Site.

Please draw a tick next to those which you think are most important to Caithness and Sutherland.

(please select all that apply)

- Having an internationally-recognised accolade*
- Links to other globally important World Heritage Sites*
- Extra protection for peatlands*
- Raising the international profile of Caithness and Sutherland*
- Increase in green and heritage tourism*
- Encouraging "slow tourism", e.g. tourists staying in the area for longer*
- Use of the World Heritage brand for local producers and accommodation providers*
- All of the above!*

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Concerns about World Heritage Site

Do you have any concerns about the idea of a World Heritage Site in The Flow Country?

Visiting World Heritage Sites

Have you visited any other World Heritage Sites in The UK or abroad?

(please select one answer)

Yes No

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If so, which ones and what attracted you to visit them?

Support for World Heritage Site

Do you support the idea of a World Heritage Site in The Flow Country?

(please select one answer)

Yes No Don't know

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Please give a reason for your answer.