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Aerial view of the World Heritage Site from Garn Ddyrys towards Blaenavon

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Executive Summary

The Forgotten Landscapes Partnership (FLP) evolved in response to the need to continue the conservation and presentation of the Blaenavon Industrial Landscape World Heritage Site (BILWHS) Inscribed in 2000 by UNESCO, the resulting BILWHS Management Plan identified a programme of work required to conserve and present a number of key locations. Consultation conducted in the FLP Project Planning Stage (2007 – 08) identified a range of additional work that would further enhance the BILWHS and its landscape setting through: the conservation of industrial archaeology in the landscape; habitat management to improve circumstances for the area's many important species; access and interpretation improvements; effective community engagement, educational programmes and opportunities for volunteering and training.

This Landscape Conservation Action Plan (LCAP) sets out how the Partnership intends to achieve this and provides the justification for, and means by which, the heritage landscape will be protected, enhanced, promoted and made accessible to the widest range of users for enjoyment and understanding.

Through this approach the Forgotten Landscape Partnership will deliver its vision of

'A World Heritage Site and its landscape setting in an excellent state of conservation, understood, accessed, enjoyed and cared for by all - managed through strong community partnership and involvement.'

In conjunction with documents produced during the Project Planning Stage 2007 – 08 (see below), the LCAP sets out a ten year programme of works required to achieve the Partnership's aim. This work programme takes the form of a detailed, costed, 3 year action plan supported by recommendations for further work to be conducted during the remainder of the 10 year life of the plan. It also contains a 3 year business plan, a full risk register, a detailed set of anticipated outputs and outcomes, an exit strategy, and a strategic approach to Scheme sustainability that considers how the Partnership will maintain momentum and how the benefits will be maintained beyond the 3 year Heritage Lottery Funded period of 2010 – 2013.

Following a revision to the Landscape Partnership methodology published by HLF in June 2008 the Forgotten Landscape Partnership was invited to approach Programme design following the new guidance. This required a significant revision and reordering of work produced at the Project Planning Stage, however, the LCAP and its supporting documents contain an audit trail which will enable the reader to 'track back' to the approved purposes sanctioned by HLF in October 2008.

FLP Projects will be delivered under the following key headings:

- A. Conserving or restoring the built and natural features of the heritage landscape
- B. Increasing community participation in local heritage
- C. Increasing access to, and learning about, the landscape and its heritage
- D. Increasing training opportunities in local heritage skills
- E. Scheme maintenance and management

Supporting documents relevant to this plan are:

Landscape Character Study (revised 2009)
Audience Development and Access Plan (2008)
Education and Training Plan (2008)

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