

Site Collections Development Statement

Name of Museum: English Heritage – Housesteads Roman Fort

Name of Governing Body: English Heritage Trust

Date on which this statement was approved by the Acquisitions, Loans and Disposals Committee: 25 September 2019

Statement review procedure: The Site Collections Development Statement is owned by the Senior Curator for the geographical area. It will be reviewed at least once every five years as part of a cyclical process managed through Registry.

Date at which this statement is due for review: September 2024

Arts Council England will be notified of any changes to the Site Collections Development Statement, and the implications of any such changes for the future of the collections.

1. Management Arrangements and scope

- 1.1. This policy covers the all museum artefacts managed by English Heritage from or associated with the site whether they are held on site, at another English Heritage site or store, or on loan to a third party. This statement does not cover artefacts associated with other English Heritage sites which are stored or displayed at this site.
- 1.2. The site and its collections form part of the National Collection of English Heritage.
- 1.3. The site of Housesteads Roman Fort is owned by the National Trust; however, the museum and fort are managed by English Heritage, with a joint management plan for the wider site.

2. Relationships to other relevant policies/plans of the organisation

- 2.1. The national *Collections Development Policy* approved by the Board of Trustees on 9 November 2016, (together with any amendments to, or replacements for, the policy approved by Trustees), apply to the site. In the event of any disagreement between this site statement and the national policy the national policy will apply.
- 2.2. Without limitation to the above all the procedures, and ethical and legal considerations set out in the national policy apply to acquisitions, disposals and loans from or to the sites collection.
- 2.2. Acquisitions outside the current stated Policy and Statement will only be made in exceptional circumstances.

3. History of the collections

- 3.1. The collections that English Heritage hold from Housesteads relate to specific excavations at the site, from 1974- 1988, from both inside and outside of the fort.

The 1974-81 excavations were carried out by Newcastle University in the north- east part of the fort. The 1976, 1987 and 1988 excavations were undertaken by James Crow for the National Trust in areas surrounding the fort, within the scheduled area.

- 3.2 There is also material resulting from earlier excavations at Housesteads in multiple other collections. For instance, in the Clayton Collection (managed by English Heritage) and in the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne collection (managed by Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums).

4. An overview of the collections

- 4.1. There are approximately 17000 records for the Housesteads Collection. This number is approximate currently as it is still in the process of being moved over to the national collections management system.
- 4.2 All the collection is archaeology and related archive from the excavations. This includes architectural pieces, pottery, animal bone, jewelry, coins and other items relating to daily life on the Roman frontier. Archive from the excavations, and the reserve collection, are held in the store at Corbridge Museum.
- 4.3 On display in the museum are seven items on five year rolling loans from Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums.
- 4.4 Highlights in the collection include;
- The genii cuculatti relief
 - The seated three matres sculpture
 - Frisian ware pottery
 - Tent and shoe leather

5. Themes and priorities for future collecting

- 5.1. The collecting policy for Housesteads is that material found within the scheduled area and/or Guardianship area will be added to the English Heritage collection. Material which comes to light from earlier excavations, collections from which we do not currently hold, will go to the museum/organisation currently holding that collection.
- 5.2 Material from outside the Guardianship area, including material from National Trust land, will only be accepted with a valid transfer of title.

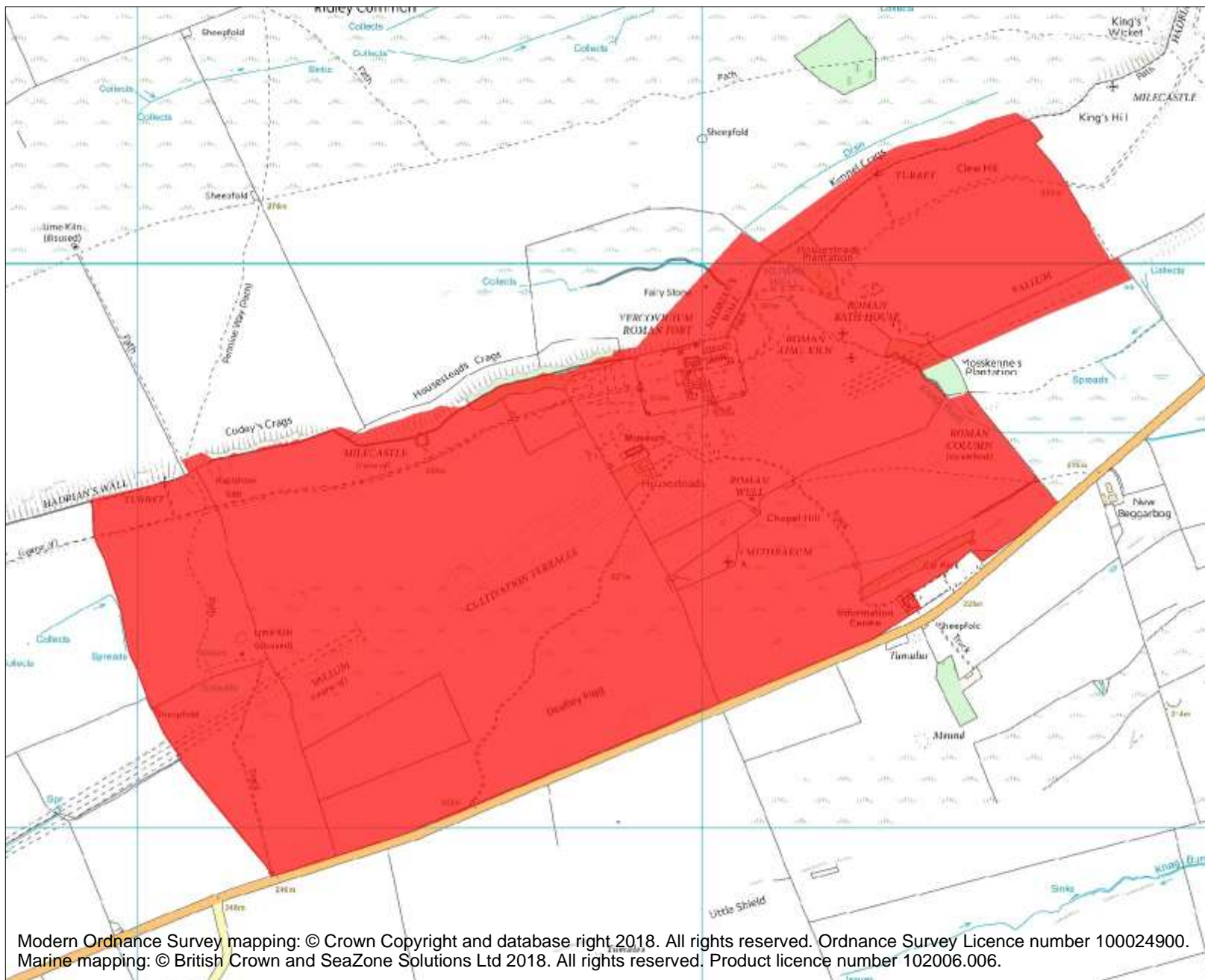
6. Themes and priorities for rationalisation and disposal

- 6.1. The collection is currently being worked on to complete its documentation onto our national collections management system. During this process any areas which require review will be

highlighted in order to consider in the next stage.

7. Collecting policies of other museums

- 7.1. English Heritage will take account of the collecting policies of other museums and other organisations collecting in the same or related subject areas or fields. It will consult with these organisations where conflicts of interest may arise or to define areas of specialism in order to avoid unnecessary duplication and waste of resources.
- 7.2. Specific reference is made to the following museums and organisations:
 - 7.2.1 Great North Museum: Hancock, part of Tyne and Wear Archives and Museums
 - 7.2.2 Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne
 - 7.2.3. Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery
 - 7.2.4. The Historic England Archives- with reference to archive material.



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List Entry No: 1018585

County:
District: Northumberland
Parish: Bardon Mill, Haydon

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