



BOHO

Views About Management

The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 Article 28(2)

A statement of Environment and Heritage Service's views about the management of the Boho Area of Special Scientific Interest ("the ASSI")

This statement represents the views of Environment and Heritage Service about the management of the ASSI for nature conservation. This statement sets out, in principle, our views on how the area's special conservation interest can be conserved and enhanced. Environment and Heritage Service has a duty to notify the owners and occupiers of the ASSI of its views about the management of the land.

Not all of the management principles will be equally appropriate to all parts of the ASSI and there may be other management activities, additional to our current views, which can be beneficial to the conservation and enhancement of the features of interest. It is also very important to recognise that management may need to change with time.

The management views set out below do not constitute consent for any operation or activity. The written consent of Environment and Heritage Service is still required before carrying out any operation or activity likely to damage the features of special interest (see the Schedule on pages 2-4 of the Attached Document B for a list of these operations and activities). Environment and Heritage Service welcomes consultation with owners, occupiers and users of the ASSI to ensure that the management of this area maintains and enhances the features of interest, and to ensure that all necessary prior consents are obtained.

MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

The earth science interest at Boho occurs as the cave series together with a range of associated karstic surface features. Environment and Heritage Service would like to encourage the maintenance of the ASSI and its earth science interest.

The geological series

Environment and Heritage Service would encourage the use of the site for those activities which do not impact on the scientific interest including continued use for sustainable recreational caving. Provided no damaging activities, as set out in the Schedule (pages 2 and 3 of attached Document B),

are undertaken without consent, the needs of owners, occupiers and the Department can be met. Specific objectives include:

Retain the full range of features on the site.

Retain the cave series in their current state.

Retain access to the full range of features including the cave series, as scale and sensitivity permits.



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