

What are the next steps for Local Authorities and local groups?



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- The meeting today is just the first of many, should you wish to proceed.
- It is hoped that by bringing the principal players together we will kick-start the process.
- Further meetings will be necessary to discuss the many issues that you will face as part of the process.
- There will be help from the National Monuments Service for those who choose to proceed and we will be available for your initial meetings if required.



The purpose of the Meeting this afternoon

- Get to meet the other interested parties in relation to your site(s)
- Work with the facilitator towards answering some of the most important questions
- Appoint a chairperson who will take the lead in this and future meetings
- Establish the views of both the Local Authority and local groups on the desirability (or not) of having a World Heritage Site



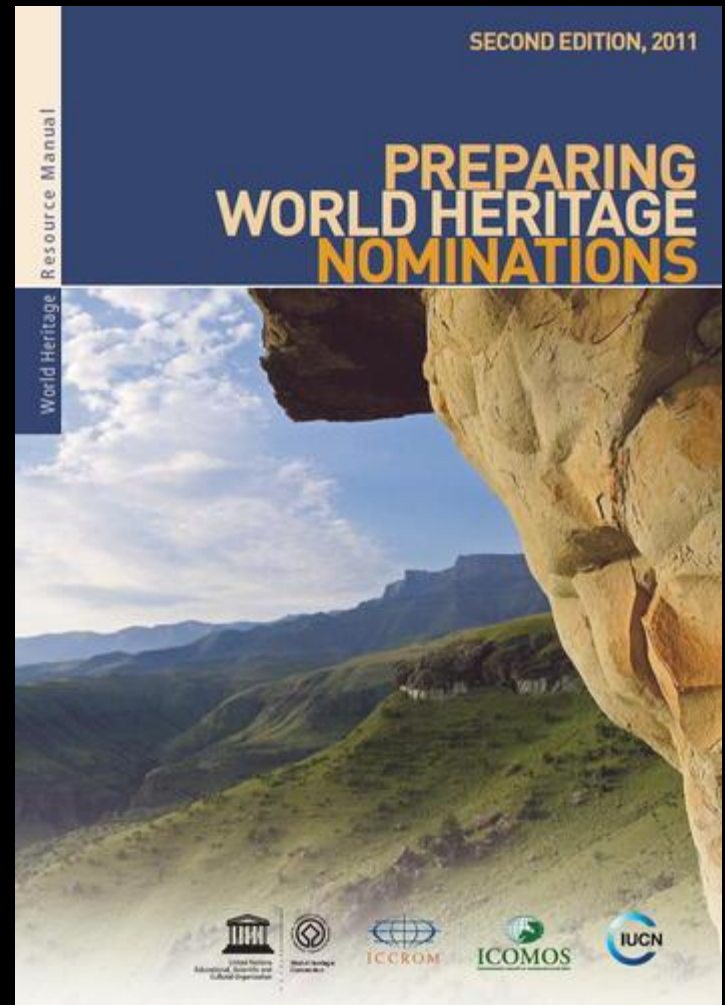
The concept of Outstanding Universal Value

Understanding this is a key to processing your nomination. Examining successful nominations from similar types of site can be most useful.

This Value is something that is of world significance and is to be presented to the world and protected by this nation on behalf of humanity as a whole.

There needs to be a description of the site(s) explaining how intact it is and detailing the views to and from it. The description should also include any scientific research into the site(s) and a statement of how it is intended to protect the OUV into the future.

There is a wealth of information available online at whc.unesco.org particularly in the section on “Publications” and the section “About World Heritage” which contains the “Operational Guidelines”. Be careful to check the site every autumn as new versions of the documents appear after the annual committee meeting.

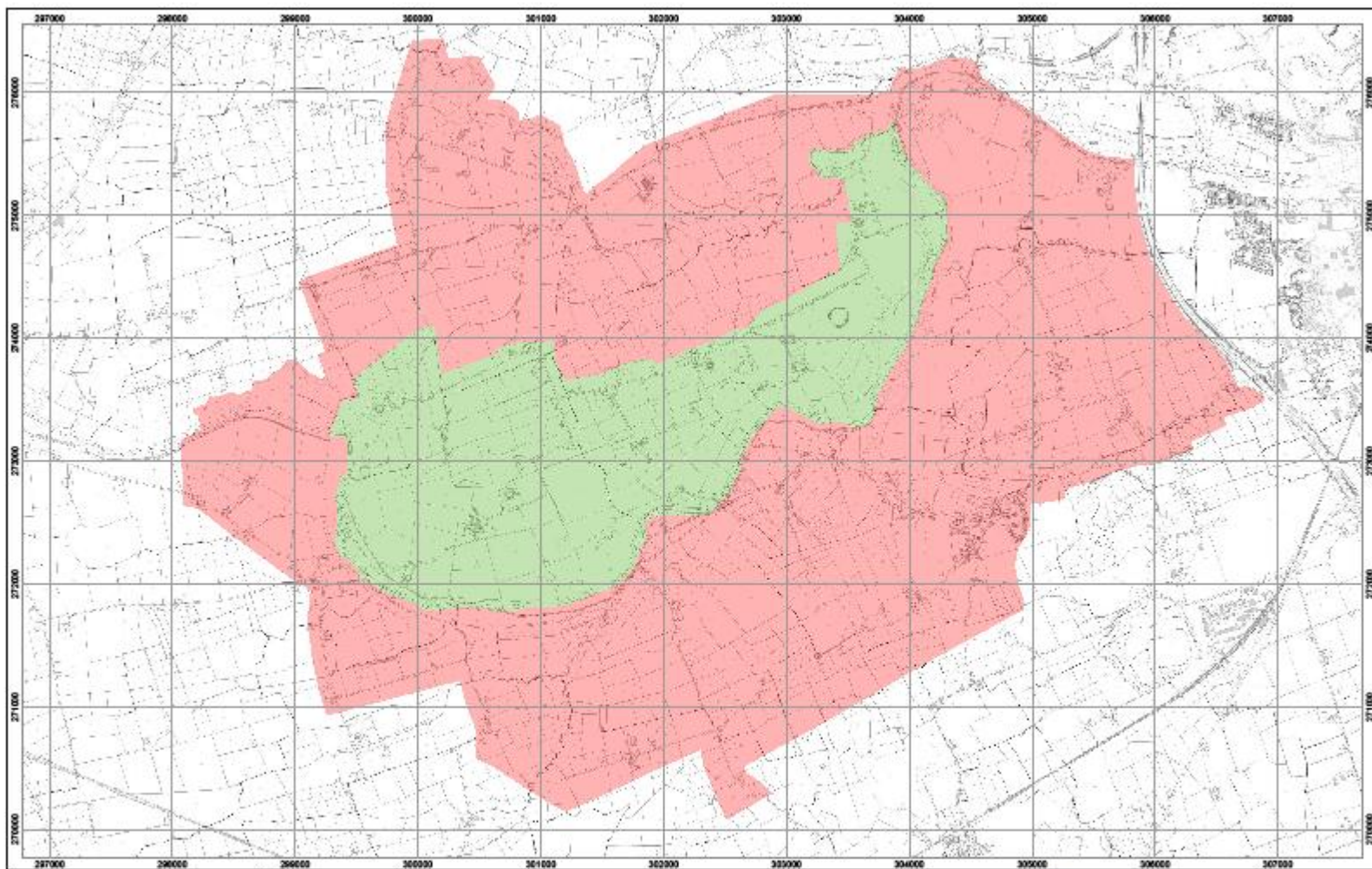


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Core Area/Buffer Zone

- The core area must contain all of the site which possesses Outstanding Universal Value. This can all be one area, or there can be a series of core areas. This area has to be actively managed in order to preserve the OUV of the site.
- The Buffer Zone is a zone where the core is protected by making sure that developments in the surrounding area do not impinge negatively on the Outstanding Universal Value of the site. One of the key decisions to be made is the size of this buffer zone.

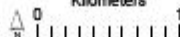




Map showing boundaries of UNESCO designated World Heritage Site, Archaeological Ensemble of the Bend of the Boyne, (Brú na Bóinne), Co. Meath, Ireland.

Legend

- Core Area Boundary (area: 790 hectares)
- Buffer Zone Boundary (area: 2540 hectares)



Map Sources:

The background map is sourced from Ordnance Survey of Ireland 1:5000 vector map series. (Edition: 2004 - 2006)
 The map datum used is Irish National Grid.
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World Heritage Sites and Local Government

- Sites are already on the Tentative List so now is the time to state the Local Authorities attitude to protection of the OUV.
- Preservation of the OUV of the sites should be an objective of the County Development Plan.
- Sites should be mentioned in County Development Plan and attitude to protection and planning should be stated.
- County Development Plans should also state that all future Local Area Plans, Council's own schemes and outside developments will have to take into account the impact on the OUV of the sites on the tentative list.

The Meeting

- The meeting is going to be facilitated by a person from ICOMOS (Ireland).
- There will be a member of staff from the National Monuments Service there as well.
- A group with special expertise in relation to UNESCO will be available if any question needs to be clarified.
- The meeting will last for an hour and a quarter.



The Meeting (2)

- At the end of the meeting the person from National Monuments will ask the chair to agree a short description of the meeting so that a general quick picture of how each site is progressing will be available to all.
- A brief summary will be given by Brian Duffy for all of the meetings, prior to the Question and answer session after the meeting.



Final Points

- Remember that this is a UNESCO process not an Irish process and will be judged in an international arena
- The National Monuments Service are here to help you with the nomination process as are ICOMOS (Ireland).
- ICOMOS (International) will be the ones reading the nominations when they are presented and there will be no Irish input into that.
- Remember also that that it will be the State Party, via the Minister, who will nominate any new site and that they are unlikely to nominate a site if they feel that the nomination would be likely to fail.

