



Foreword

I very much welcome the opportunity to commend this Management Plan to you. The World Heritage Bid process has been carried out with the full approval and support of the relevant national and regional statutory agencies, the local authority, specialist interest groups and most importantly with involvement of the local community.

The Darwin's Landscape Laboratory Partnership is a large and inclusive group. The Partnership and subgroups have held many meetings since 1997 when the Bid process began. The wider public have been kept abreast of the Bid through many and varied media stories, through walks, talks and events, and through the website (www.darwinatdowne.co.uk). In addition the Bid team will lead a 2 year local celebration of Darwin's work as part of the 'Darwin's Origins at Downe' Heritage Lottery Fund project.

The Partnership would like to thank the organisations which made the Bid possible and the Bid team for the quality and clarity of the Nomination Document (available on the above website) and Management Plan. For all those who have put together and supported the Bid it has been an extraordinary learning experience. The Darwin's Landscape Laboratory story is of enormous interest and value for current and future generations.

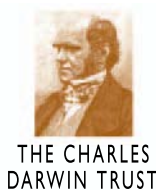
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