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## Academics Survey Results

### Introduction

This is the individual report focussed on the responses to the HERALD survey by academics – those who classified themselves as academic staff or students in the survey. This report will:

- Include all the responses from the survey and subsequent telephone interviews
- Highlight those areas that need to be addressed in a redevelopment project
- Contain preliminary recommendations

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## Survey Results

56 of the total 516 respondents defined themselves as academic staff or students.

### Executive summary of key points

The respondents were well distributed between academic staff and students, users and non-users of the OASIS system.

1. Academics awareness of the system is not high, most of the non-users said they had never heard of it.
2. Academics seem to proportionally attach fewer reports than other user groups, and the main reason for this appears to be that their projects are awaiting traditional publication. A side effect of this might also be that a smaller number of the academic's records are being validated as some HERs, and EH when proxy validating, focus of records with reports attached.
3. There appears to be a correlation between people being non-users of OASIS and having less knowledge of other on line tools and services things, such as the FISH toolkit, DOIs and other online databases.
4. Some individuals within the community think that OASIS is meant for commercial or planning related archaeological projects. This is reinforced by data collected by the form which is felt to be more relevant to commercial archaeology.

### Preliminary recommendations from the academics returns

#### **Recommendation 1: Increased communication, publicity and training.**

The responses throughout the survey highlighted the need for more communication, publicity and training on the OASIS system, particularly within this sector . The survey highlights that misunderstandings about the purpose and function of the system remains high, with academics feeling that this is primarily part of the planning process.

**The training, communication and publicity role is one that needs to be ongoing and consistent.**

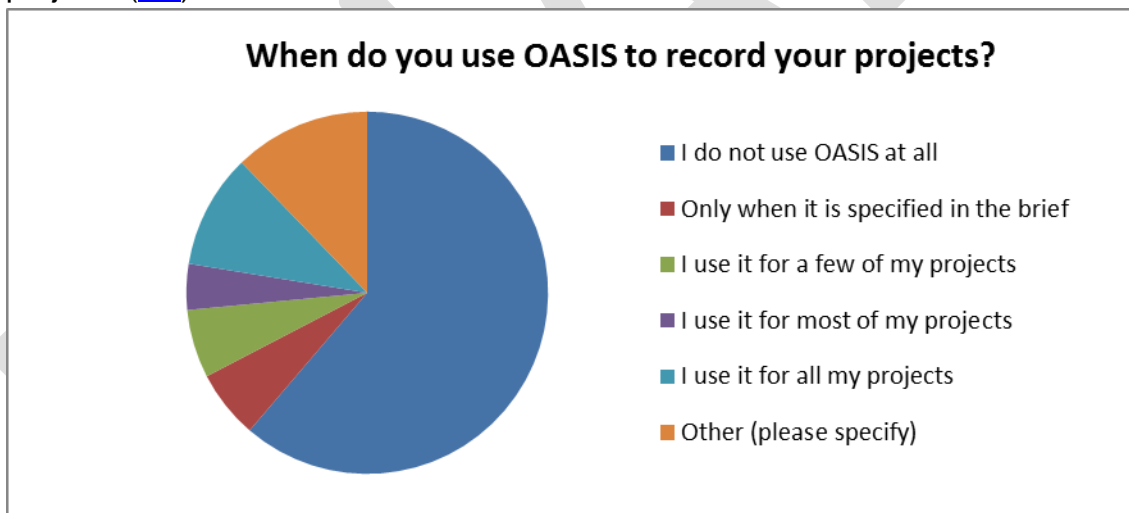
#### **Recommendation 2: Form re-design**

When the form is redeveloped there must be particular attention given to the form design to accommodate reporting of non-commercial, non-planning related projects and attract the academic (and community group) user.

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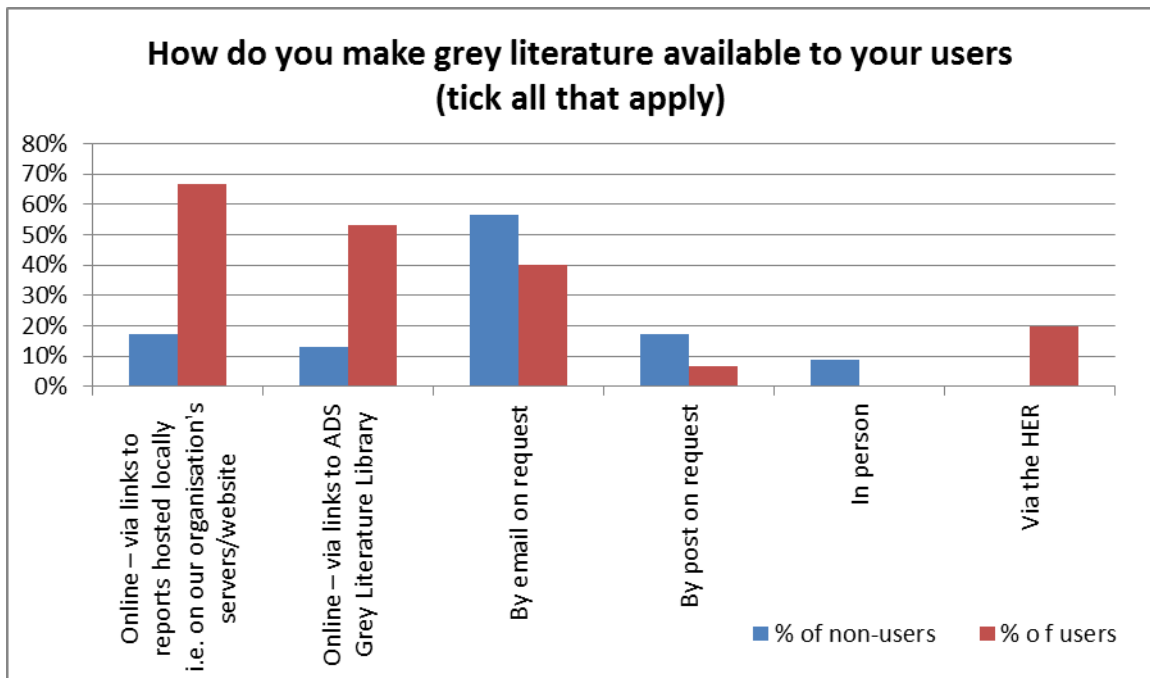
## Full list of important findings from the academics survey

1. All but one of the respondents replied as individuals ([Q1](#)) and it was an almost even split between university staff and students ([Q2](#)). Most respondents worked in England with about 10% working in Scotland and Wales. 60% of respondents came from medium sized departments ([Q5](#)) and the types of work carried out were diverse with largest group being 30% of respondents doing general fieldwork, and the next largest group being post excavation specialists ([Q6](#)).
2. 91% of respondents thought that fieldwork completed by academic staff should be recorded in local and national databases ([Q7](#)), only 77% thought student fieldwork should be recorded ([Q8](#)). After a number of questions informing non-users of the form what the form did 62% thought that they should record their projects in OASIS (25% did not do fieldwork or worked outside the UK) ([Q20](#) non-users).
3. 66% of respondents do not use OASIS and only 10% use it for all their projects ([Q9](#)).



The main reasons for not using the OASIS form were that they didn't know it existed (48%), didn't know how it worked (24%) or hadn't had any training (44%) ([Q10](#) non-users). Those who do use it (34% of all respondents) do so to add the report to the ADS grey literature library or to inform the HER of their fieldwork ([Q10](#) users).

4. 53% of users upload a report to their OASIS record at least 75% of the time, whilst almost a quarter never do ([Q13](#) users). The most common reason for not uploading a report is that it is awaiting traditional publication (35%). 2 respondents (12%) did not want their report to be available online ([Q14](#) users).



Most grey literature can be seen to be made available online or by email for users ([Q17](#) users) where as non-users are mostly using email ([Q12](#) non-users). 65% of non-users of OASIS think that accessing grey literature online has positively affected their work ([Q14](#) non-users) whereas 100% of users think it has had a positive effect ([Q19](#) users).

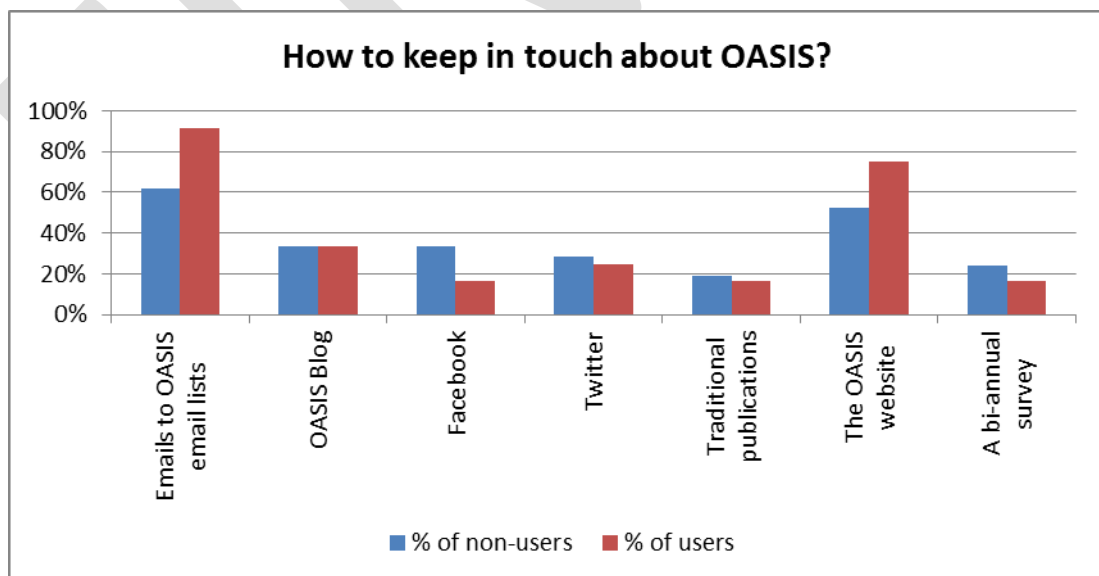
5. 87% of non-users do not know what a DOI is ([Q16](#) non-users) whereas 66% of users do and 40% use them to link to reports online. This reflects the general difference in awareness between the two groups of the functionality of OASIS and how the data is used ([Q15-19](#) non-users and [Q20-24](#) users).
6. Standards: 76% of users of OASIS refer to research frameworks in their work ([Q15](#) users) and the same amount think that OASIS has had a positive effect on data standards ([Q16](#) users). 21% use the FISH toolkit, half have heard of it but don't use it and 28% have never heard of it ([Q25](#) users).
7. Over half of OASIS users reported a problem with the validation stage of the OASIS workflow ([Q27](#) users). It is interesting that some HERs say that OASIS is the only way they hear about some academic projects but the academics still say that they have a problem with records getting stuck at the validation stage – this might be related to the fact that a relatively high proportion of records from academics have no report attached ([Q13](#) users) and are therefore not seen as a priority for validation.
8. Users of the OASIS form generally welcomed the addition of bespoke sections for building recording, specialist reports, museum involvement and the use of the EH events thesaurus with positive answers by 80-90% of respondents ([Q28-32](#) users). There was 100% support for community

archaeologists using the form ([Q31](#) users) and more than 80% support for uploading records in bulk and using OASIS to record backlog projects ([Q33-34](#) users). Non-users were rather more wary of additional sections, comments suggesting that this was due to poor knowledge of the system. They favoured Museum inclusion, use of the EH event thesaurus and uploading backlog reports but were not so keen on having a people upload reports for building recording and specialist information ([Q22-27](#) non-users).

- Interface and workflow improvements that academics particularly highlighted included being able to locate projects using a map for data entry and being able to control email notifications ([Q28](#) non-users). They were also positive about direct communications with HERs and for EH to validate where HERs are not ([Q36](#) users). There was a general feeling that access to records should be improved possibly through the Heritage Gateway ([Q37](#) users).

*“Records being available in Heritage Gateway would be good. Perhaps a link of some kind to the records would be just as useful if Heritage Gateway cannot handle the data themselves. An OASIS ID is usually there somewhere but the more information available and the easier it is to access the better.”*

- Communication: both users and non-users favoured communication via the website and email lists, however the blog and social media were relatively popular with this user group ([Q31](#) non-users, [Q39](#) users).



- Training: 100% of non-users and 75% of users had had no training in OASIS ([Q32](#) non-users, [Q40](#) users). A downloadable manual, online videos were the most popular forms of training for both groups. Group workshops and helpdesk provision were also popular with non-users ([Q33](#) non-users, [Q41](#) users).

12. The best thing about OASIS was the collection of records and reports from archaeological work across England and Scotland ([Q42](#) users).

*“It's pretty much the only central repository we have of ongoing archaeological investigation in England complete with grey literature reports. It feeds into the Excavation Index and NMR, and includes records from the AIP. Now the AIP is being discontinued, the OASIS system is the best method for tracking grey literature production in England.”*

The worst things included the time consuming data entry, that it seems designed for recording commercial work and delays in HER validation ([Q43](#) users). Improvements included different types of interface for different users, multiple people being able to access and update one OASIS record, more training for users so that records are more consistently completed ([Q44](#) users) and more publicity in university teaching and community groups ([Q32](#) non-users).



## Appendix 1: Full Survey Results

### Section 1: General Questions answered by both users and non-users

*Question 1: Are you responding as:*

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
An individual	98.2%	55
On behalf of an organisation	1.8%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>56</b>

*Question 2: Please select the option that most closely describes your primary role as an archaeologist / historic environment professional?*

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
University staff	44.6%	25
University student	55.4%	31
<b>answered question</b>		<b>56</b>

*Question 3: What historic environment organisation do you work for most of the time?*

Organisation	Department
University of Liverpool	Archaeology, Classics & Egyptology The Institute of Archaeology
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	School of Archaeology History and Anthropology
N/A	N/A
birkbeck	archaeology masters
University of Leicester	Enterprise and Business Development Office
University of Birmingham	Education
Birkbeck College	History
Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, USA	Department of Anthropology
University of York	Archaeology
University of Southampton	Archaeology
N/A	N/A
University of York	Archaeology
University of York	Archaeology
Uni of York	Archaeology
University of York	Archaeology
University of York	Department of Archaeology
University of Southampton	Department of Archaeology

<i>University of York</i>	<i>Archaeology</i>
<i>University of Edinburgh</i>	<i>History, classics and archaeology</i>
<i>university of York</i>	<i>archaeology</i>
<i>Druce &amp; CO</i>	<i>Estate &amp; Property Management</i>
<i>University of Nottingham</i>	<i>History</i>
<i>Bournemouth University</i>	<i>Faculty of Science and Technology</i>
<i>University of Cambridge</i>	<i>Archaeology</i>
<i>University of Cambridge</i>	<i>Archaeology</i>
<i>University of South Wales</i>	<i>School of Computing</i>
<i>University of York</i>	<i>Archaeology</i>
<i>University of York</i>	
<i>York University</i>	<i>Archaeology</i>
<i>Cardiff University</i>	<i>Archaeology &amp; Conservation</i>
<i>English Heritage</i>	<i>North</i>
	<i>University of Southampton</i>
	<i>University of Southampton</i>
<i>university of southampton</i>	<i>ocean and earth science</i>
<i>Cirencester College</i>	<i>Humanities</i>
<i>University of Exeter</i>	<i>Department of Archaeology</i>
<i>Leicester University</i>	<i>Archaeology</i>
<i>University of Southampton (retired)</i>	<i>Archaeology</i>
<i>arizona state university</i>	<i>digital antiquity</i>
<i>University of York</i>	<i>Archaeology</i>
<i>University of Oxford</i>	<i>Archaeology</i>
<i>University</i>	<i>Tourism</i>
<i>University of London</i>	<i>Institute of Historical Research</i>
<i>University of York</i>	<i>Archaeology</i>

**Question 4: Which parts of the UK do you work in?**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>England</b>	89.3%	50
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	0.0%	0
<b>Scotland</b>	12.5%	7
<b>Wales</b>	10.7%	6
<b>answered question</b>		<b>56</b>

**Question 5: How many academic staff are there in your department**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>1</b>	2.0%	1
<b>2 to 10</b>	12.0%	6
<b>11 to 49</b>	64.0%	32
<b>50 to 99</b>	16.0%	8
<b>100 to 249</b>	4.0%	2

<b>250+</b>	2.0%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>50</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>6</b>

**Question 6: Other than research, what is the main focus of your fieldwork**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
General fieldwork	30.0%	15
Geophysical survey	8.0%	4
Specialist post-excavation analyses	14.0%	7
Historic building recording	10.0%	5
Consultancy	10.0%	5
All of the above	10.0%	5
Other (please specify)	18.0%	9
<b>answered question</b>		<b>50</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>6</b>

**Other (please specify)**

1	Student volunteering
2	bioarchaeology
3	Information Systems
4	Natural Language Processing
5	IT
6	characterizing grey literature
7	historian
8	Outreach and community work
9	building conservation

**Question 7: Do you think that fieldwork completed by academics should be recorded in local and national databases (HER, NMR etc) via the OASIS form.**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	91.8%	45
No	6.1%	3
Other (please specify)	2.0%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>49</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

**Other (please specify)**

1	Fieldwork in the UK
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**Question 8: Do you think that fieldwork completed by students should be recorded in local and national databases (HER, NMR etc) via the OASIS form.**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	77.6%	38
No	10.2%	5
Other (please specify)	12.2%	6
<b>answered question</b>		<b>49</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

#### Other (please specify)

- 1 Yes, if of an adequate quality.
- 2 I think that perhaps they ought to be given the option. It could be motivating in some cases but in others it might put people off.
- 3 Only if regarded as of sufficient quality
- 4 Sometimes. This is a difficult one to answer! Often the training excavations that we carry out at site do not yield results that contribute to the archaeological record of that area. However, this in itself is valid information.
- 5 It depends on the degree of supervision. Results are not necessarily reliable.
- 6 It depends on the fieldwork!

**Question 9: When do you use OASIS to record your projects?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I do not use OASIS at all	61.2%	30
Only when it is specified in the brief	6.1%	3
I use it for a few of my projects	6.1%	3
I use it for most of my projects	4.1%	2
I use it for all my projects	10.2%	5
Other (please specify)	12.2%	6
<b>answered question</b>		<b>49</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

#### Other (please specify)

- 1 I am currently working on a project for which I intend to use OASIS.
- 2 Not yet but plan to
- 3 Planning to submit results in the future
- 4 I process OASIS documents for the purposes of semantic interoperability
- 5 I have not as of yet undertaken work that requires me to enter data via OASIS
- 6 I've tried to use it but it crashes and I lose patience

## Section 2: Questions only answered by users of the OASIS form

**Question 10 (users): What is your MAIN motivation for filling in an OASIS form?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I have been told to by the HER	16.7%	3
It's part of our internal procedures	5.6%	1
I do it to inform the HER of my work regardless of location	33.3%	6
I do it to inform the HER only where the HER actively validates records	0.0%	0
I do it to add the report to the Grey Literature Library	38.9%	7
I do it to inform the English Heritage Archive (aka NMR)	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	5.6%	1
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>18</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>1</b>

**Other (please specify)**

1 *I want to support OASIS*

**Question 11 (users): At what point in a project do you usually START an OASIS record?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
At the beginning of the project	5.6%	1
As soon as I have an HER No.	16.7%	3
Sometime after fieldwork but before the report is finalised	22.2%	4
I only fill it in once I have completed the report	38.9%	7
Other (please specify)	16.7%	3
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>18</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>1</b>

**Other (please specify)**

1 *Will file on completion*

2 *when instructed*

3 *See previous answer*

**Question 12 (users): Who in your organisation completes or updates the OASIS form**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
The project's director/manager	22.2%	4
The project's supervisor/officer	33.3%	6
The archivist or post-ex manager	5.6%	1
Different people fill in different parts for a single project	11.1%	2
Everyone looks at it but only some people add information	5.6%	1
Other (please specify)	22.2%	4
<b>answered question</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>

**Other (please specify)**

1	<i>It was an individual student project</i>
2	<i>student so unsure</i>
3	<i>N/a</i>
4	<i>See previous answer</i>

**Question 13 (users): What proportion of your OASIS records have reports attached**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
None	23.5%	4
Between 1% and 25%	11.8%	2
Between 26% and 50%	5.9%	1
Between 51% and 75%	5.9%	1
Between 76 % and 100%	52.9%	9
<b>answered question</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>2</b>

**Question 14 (users): What is the most common reason for NOT uploading a report?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Client confidentiality	17.6%	3
Technical problems like the file is too big to upload	5.9%	1
Awaiting traditional publication (including journal round-up)	35.3%	6
The HER doesn't want me to	5.9%	1

<b>I don't want my report to go online</b>	11.8%	2
<b>We have our own online library</b>	5.9%	1
<b>Other (please specify)</b>	17.6%	3
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>17</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>2</b>

**Other (please specify)**

<b>1</b>	<i>I have only completed one non-university based report, which has been uploaded to OASIS.</i>
<b>2</b>	<i>I have used it but not uploaded</i>
<b>3</b>	<i>See previous answer</i>

**Question 15 (users): Do you refer to research frameworks when undertaking your work?**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Yes</b>	64.7%	11
<b>No</b>	35.3%	6
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>17</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>2</b>

This question was also asked as question 11 of the non-users section.

**Question 16 (users): How has OASIS affected data standards (particularly the use of controlled vocabularies and thesauri)?**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>I believe it has made no difference</b>	11.8%	2
<b>It has made a positive difference but more work needs to be done</b>	64.7%	11
<b>It has made a huge difference</b>	11.8%	2
<b>The standards are inappropriate</b>	0.0%	0
<b>I don't use them</b>	11.8%	2
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>17</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>2</b>

**Question 17 (users): How do you make grey literature available to your users (tick all that apply)**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
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Online – via links to reports hosted locally i.e. on our organisation's servers/website	66.7%	10
Online – via links to ADS Grey Literature Library	53.3%	8
By email on request	40.0%	6
By post on request	6.7%	1
In person	0.0%	0
Via the HER	20.0%	3
Other (please specify)	6.7%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>4</b>

This question was also asked as question 12 of the non-users section.

#### Other (please specify)

1 *Academia.edu*

**Question 18 (users):** *Would you like to be able to archive other digital aspects of the projects via OASIS?*

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No, I've never thought about those options	6.7%	1
Yes, I would like to investigate how that could be achieved	66.7%	10
I'm not sure what you mean	26.7%	4
Other (please specify)		1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>4</b>

This question was also asked as question 13 of the non-users section.

#### Other (please specify)

1 *You do not give a chance to say a proper "NO!". I have thought of the options. Your question makes it sound like I am ignorant if I disagree with releasing items into the public domain with the risk of future charges.*

**Question 19 (users):** *How has the availability of grey literature reports online, through libraries such as the ADS Grey Literature Library, affected your work?*

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Accessing grey literature online has positively affected my work	100.0%	15



<b>Accessing grey literature online has negatively affected my work</b>	0.0%	0
<b>Accessing grey literature online has had no effect on my work</b>	0.0%	0
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>15</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>4</b>

This question was also asked as question 14 of the non-users section.

***Question 20 (users): Are you aware that OASIS metadata has fed the Geophysical Survey Database since 2011 – formerly the English Heritage Geophysical Survey Database?***

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Yes</b>	53.3%	8
<b>No</b>	46.7%	7
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>15</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>4</b>

This question was also asked as question 15 of the non-users section.

***Question 21 (users): Are you aware that each grey literature report is allocated a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) by the ADS? [What is a DOI?]***

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>No – I didn't know what a DOI was</b>	13.3%	2
<b>No – but I will record them now I do</b>	20.0%	3
<b>Yes – but I don't record the DOI</b>	26.7%	4
<b>Yes – and I use the DOI to link to the report</b>	40.0%	6
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>15</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>4</b>

This question was also asked as question 16 of the non-users section.

***Question 22 (users): Are you aware that users can also upload image archives to OASIS (England only) for deposition in the ADS archive?***

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Yes</b>	40.0%	6
<b>Yes and I am planning to use it</b>	20.0%	3

<b>I wasn't but I am interested in using it</b>	20.0%	3
<b>No</b>	20.0%	3
<b>answered question</b>		15
<b>skipped question</b>		4

A similar question was also asked as question 17 of the non-users section.

**Question 23 (users): Do you upload a GIS boundary file to your projects in OASIS?**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Yes</b>	21.4%	3
<b>No, I choose not to</b>	14.3%	2
<b>No, I didn't know that I could</b>	21.4%	3
<b>No, I cannot create the format needed</b>	21.4%	3
<b>Other (please specify)</b>	21.4%	3
<b>answered question</b>		14
<b>skipped question</b>		5

A similar question was also asked as question 18 of the non-users section.

**Other (please specify)**

1	<i>Did not need to.</i>
2	<i>N/a</i>
3	<i>Will plan to do so in future.</i>

**Question 24 (users): Do you use the XML or CSV download of records to import OASIS data into your own systems?**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>I don't download xml or csv</b>	35.7%	5
<b>I didn't know you could</b>	14.3%	2
<b>If I'd known about it I'd use it</b>	14.3%	2
<b>I use the xml or csv downloads infrequently</b>	14.3%	2
<b>I use the xml or csv downloads all the time</b>	14.3%	2
<b>I would use it if I had the tools to import it</b>	0.0%	0
<b>Other (please specify)</b>	7.1%	1
<b>answered question</b>		14
<b>skipped question</b>		5

A similar question was also asked as question 19 of the non-users section.

**Other (please specify)**

1	<i>I have a copy of my report on my own system</i>
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**Question 25 (users): Tell us about your knowledge of the Forum for Information Standards in Heritage (FISH) interoperability toolkit**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I have never heard of the FISH toolkit	28.6%	4
I am aware of it but have never used it	50.0%	7
I would like to use it but find it too technical	0.0%	0
I already use it	21.4%	3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>14</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>5</b>

This question was also asked as question 21 of the non-users section.

**Question 26 (users): Please give us your opinion of the different areas within the OASIS system. Content issues include the content of a section, questions asked and layout/design Technical issues include sections which produce errors and other technical issues experienced**

Answer Options	No problem	Content issue	Technical issue	Not applicable	Response Count
OASIS form: details section	9	1	0	3	13
OASIS form: location section	9	1	0	3	13
OASIS form: creators section	8	1	1	3	13
OASIS form: archive section	10	0	0	3	13
OASIS form: bibliography section	9	1	0	3	13
OASIS form: geophysics section	5	1	2	5	13
Report upload	9	0	0	4	13
Boundary file upload	3	0	1	9	13
Image archive upload	3	0	1	9	13
Search projects section	5	2	0	7	13
Manage projects section	5	0	0	8	13
HER information	7	0	0	6	13

<b>Export project records</b>	3	0	1	9	13
<b>Notifications (emails)</b>	4	0	0	9	13
<b>If you have specified an issue with any sections above please expand upon the problem below</b>					4
<b><i>answered question</i></b>					<b>13</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>					<b>6</b>

**If you have specified an issue with any sections above please expand upon the problem below**

- 1 *As someone who has uploaded an independent student report, and who also volunteers for a number of archaeological groups, I have found that the standard OASIS form was not set up to receive reports from anything other than commercial outlets and developers. A separate content form for the uploading of files from volunteer groups and/or individuals would be very useful.*
- 2 *Biblio reference often not available when record uploaded. Too much detail in geophys section*
- 3 *Sometimes there are issues with searching or exporting.*
- 4 *There is no gradient as to the degree of problems so I feel I cannot inform you properly.*

**Question 27 (users): Below are the list of stages that an OASIS record passes through in its lifecycle. Please let us know your experience of each stage.**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>No issues</b>	<b>Problematic</b>	<b>Never noticed it</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Waiting for Contractor to complete</b>	7	3	2	11
<b>Waiting for Contractor to send report</b>	6	4	2	11
<b>Waiting for HER to validate</b>	3	6	4	12
<b>Waiting for HER to sign off</b>	3	6	3	11
<b>Still waiting for HER to validate (NMR validated)</b>	3	3	5	10
<b>Waiting for NMR to validate</b>	3	3	5	10
<b>Waiting for NMR to sign off</b>	4	2	4	9
<b>Waiting for Contractor to complete archive section</b>	5	3	3	10
<b>Waiting for HER to validate archive section</b>	4	4	3	10
<b>Waiting for NMR to validate archive section</b>	5	2	4	10
<b>If you have tagged any stage as problematic please let us know the nature of the problem</b>				5
<b><i>answered question</i></b>				<b>12</b>

**skipped question**

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**If you have tagged any stage as problematic please let us know the nature of the problem**

- 1 *Even though I uploaded my report more than five years ago now, the HER has still not validated the project. As the other sections of this form were not relevant to my particular circumstance, I have not ticked boxes in those.*
- 2 *Variable delays in project write-up completions*
- 3 *Length of time taken*
- 4 *To explain my confusing answer, I would emphasize that the problematic areas are not with the OASIS form and process itself but with the inevitable problems that arise from waiting on other people to submit, validate and sign off sections. Sometimes it can be completely trouble free and sometimes it takes a while although I've never experienced things never getting done at all, so overall the experience is actually totally fine.*
- 5 *I don't believe HER (E Yorks?) have ever validated several records I have completed do that are just sitting in the system*

**Question 28 (users): OASIS is occasionally used for building recording. Do you think that OASIS should include a bespoke section to record historic buildings information?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes (record only)	8.3%	1
Yes (record and report)	91.7%	11
No	0.0%	0
Expand further...		3
<b>answered question</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 22 of the non-users section.

**Expand further...**

- 1 *As a current Archaeology of Buildings MA at the University of York, I support any move to increase the number of building survey reports in grey literature.*
- 2 *OASIS should treat building recording and excavation / geophysics projects in an equal and identical manner*
- 3 *Needs to be used for building recording - although I wonder whether a separate, bespoke section is a good idea*

**Question 29 (users): Do you think that OASIS should include a bespoke section to record specialist archaeological information such as pottery or environmental reports etc**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes (record only)	8.3%	1
Yes (record and report)	91.7%	11
No	0.0%	0
Expand further...		3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>12</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 23 of the non-users section.

**Expand further...**

- 1 *If an environmental survey, fieldwalking survey, etc is carried out as a standalone project I think it should be included as a full report, but not specialist reports for excavations.*
- 2 *May require summary / precis reports only*
- 3 *This is a good idea and would make searching easier, but as this information is usually contained in site reports it would either require splitting up of reports (not a good idea) or duplication of some information*

**Question 30 (users): Do you think that OASIS should record the full range of event types (from the EH event types thesaurus)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	83.3%	10
No	16.7%	2
Expand further...		1
<i>answered question</i>		<b>12</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 24 of the non-users section.

**Expand further...**

- 1 *Don't know.*

**Question 31 (users): Do you think that community archaeologists and independent researchers should use OASIS?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	100.0%	12
No	0.0%	0
Expand further...		4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>12</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>7</b>

**Expand further...**

- 1 *Although I think that the form would need some user help files associated with some of the terminology for this to be possible.*
- 2 *I think it would be useful to have a full log of all fieldwork activity.*
- 3 *But will need incentives to do so*
- 4 *Definitely.*

**Question 32 (users): Do you think the successful transfer of a project archive to a museum and museum curation should be included in the OASIS workflow?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	83.3%	10
No	16.7%	2
Expand further...		2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>12</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 25 of the non-users section.

**Expand further...**

- 1 *Not sure...*
- 2 *As with any other project*

**Question 33 (users): Would you find it useful to be able to upload your projects in bulk into OASIS from your system (using an API)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	83.3%	10
No	16.7%	2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>12</b>

<b>skipped question</b>	<b>7</b>
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This question was also asked as question 26 of the non-users section.

**Question 34 (users): Do you think that OASIS should be used to enable the upload of 'backlog' grey literature i.e. projects that predate current planning cases?**

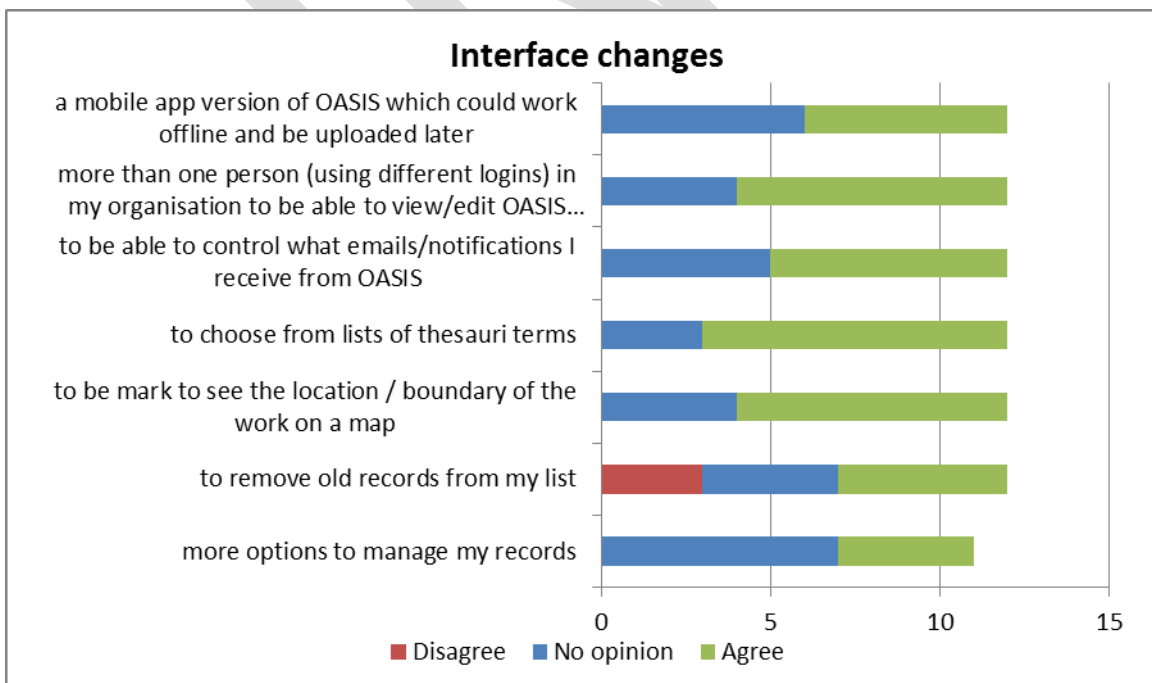
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	91.7%	11
No	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	8.3%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 27 of the non-users section.

**Other (please specify)**

1	Should be done but via other means
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**Question 35 (users): In this section we'd like to know what INTERFACE changes you'd like to see to OASIS I'd like:**



Answer Options	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Response Count
more options to manage my	4	7	0	11



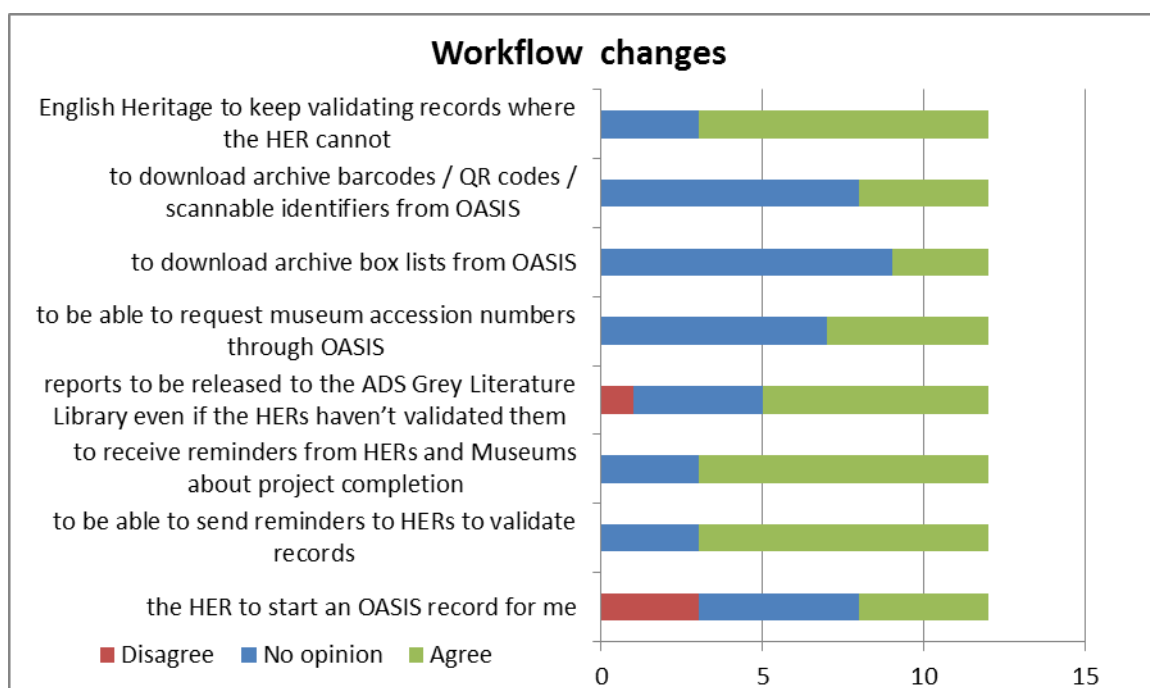
<b>records</b>				
<b>to remove old records from my list</b>	5	4	3	12
<b>to be mark to see the location / boundary of the work on a map</b>	8	4	0	12
<b>to choose from lists of thesauri terms</b>	9	3	0	12
<b>to be able to control what emails/notifications I receive from OASIS</b>	7	5	0	12
<b>more than one person (using different logins) in my organisation to be able to view/edit OASIS records</b>	8	4	0	12
<b>a mobile app version of OASIS which could work offline and be uploaded later</b>	6	6	0	12
<b>Other suggestions</b>				1
<b><i>answered question</i></b>				<b>12</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>				<b>7</b>

A similar question was also asked as question 28 of the non-users section.

**Other suggestions**

*1 Because my project involves several organisations I'd like to be able to designate who should have edit access to specific records*

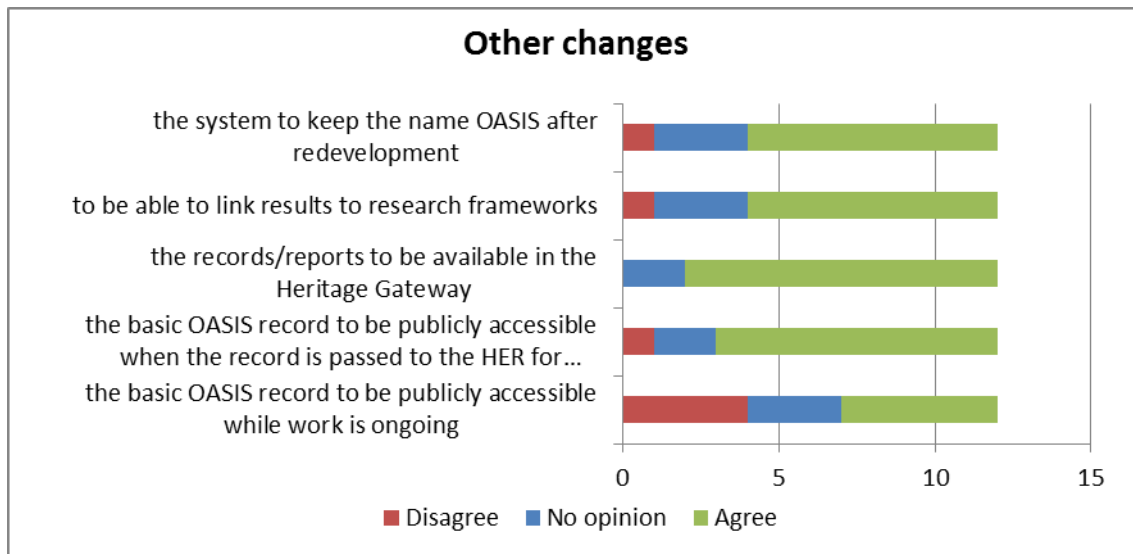
**Question 36 (users): In this section we'd like to know what WORKFLOW changes you'd like to see to OASIS I'd like:**



Answer Options	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Response Count
the HER to start an OASIS record for me	4	5	3	12
to be able to send reminders to HERs to validate records	9	3	0	12
to receive reminders from HERs and Museums about project completion	9	3	0	12
reports to be released to the ADS Grey Literature Library even if the HERs haven't validated them	7	4	1	12
to be able to request museum accession numbers through OASIS	5	7	0	12
to download archive box lists from OASIS	3	9	0	12
to download archive barcodes / QR codes / scannable identifiers from OASIS	4	8	0	12
English Heritage to keep validating records where the HER cannot	9	3	0	12
<b>Other suggestions</b>				0
<b>answered question</b>				12
<b>skipped question</b>				7

A similar question was also asked as question 29 of the non-users section.

**Question 37 (users):** *In this section we'd like to know what other changes you'd like to see to OASIS I'd like:*



Answer Options	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Response Count
the basic OASIS record to be publicly accessible while work is ongoing	5	3	4	12
the basic OASIS record to be publicly accessible when the record is passed to the HER for validation	9	2	1	12
the records/reports to be available in the Heritage Gateway	10	2	0	12
to be able to link results to research frameworks	8	3	1	12
the system to keep the name OASIS after redevelopment	8	3	1	12
Other suggestions				0
<b>answered question</b>				<b>12</b>
<b>skipped question</b>				<b>7</b>

A similar question was also asked as question 30 of the non-users section.

**Question 38 (users):** *What additional functionality or outputs would you like to see from the OASIS system? (Tick all that apply)*

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
additional functionality in the interface	41.7%	5
additional searches on my records	58.3%	7

<b>additional searches on all records</b>	75.0%	9
<b>searches for the public</b>	75.0%	9
<b>additional ways to access OASIS data</b>	66.7%	8
<b>I don't want additional outputs from OASIS</b>	8.3%	1
<b>Please expand on your answer below:</b>		3
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>12</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>7</b>

**Please expand on your answer below:**

- 1 *No real opinion on these...*
- 2 *More flexibility and ease of access is needed generally for all users*
- 3 *I'm not sure that enhanced outputs and searches should be in OASIS, rather than in the ADS delivery of them via the GLL*

**Question 39 (users): Keeping in touch about OASIS – we are trying to keep you up to date about OASIS, how can we best do that? (Tick all that apply)**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>Emails to OASIS email lists – OASIS-ANNOUNCE and OASIS-USERS</b>	91.7%	11
<b>OASIS Blog – <a href="http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/blog/oasis/">http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/blog/oasis/</a></b>	33.3%	4
<b>Facebook</b>	16.7%	2
<b>Twitter</b>	25.0%	3
<b>Traditional publications</b>	16.7%	2
<b>The OASIS website – <a href="http://oasis.ac.uk">http://oasis.ac.uk</a></b>	75.0%	9
<b>A bi-annual survey</b>	16.7%	2
<b>Other (please specify)</b>	8.3%	1
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>12</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 31 of the non-users section.

**Other (please specify)**

- 1 *Quarterly report linked to planning data.*

**Question 40 (users): Tell us about your training in OASIS (Tick all that apply)**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>I have had OASIS training</b>	16.7%	2
<b>I am aware that there is an OASIS user's manual</b>	41.7%	5
<b>I use the FAQs within OASIS</b>	33.3%	4

<b>I have not had OASIS training</b>	75.0%	9
<b>Other (please specify)</b>	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

A similar question was also asked as question 32 of the non-users section.

**Question 41 (users): What training would you like to be available for OASIS? (Tick all that apply)**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>I would use online training videos</b>	50.0%	6
<b>I would like group workshops</b>	16.7%	2
<b>I would like individual training sessions</b>	8.3%	1
<b>I would like a manual available to download</b>	75.0%	9
<b>I would like a telephone/email helpdesk available</b>	25.0%	3
<b>Other (please specify)</b>	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 33 of the non-users section.

**Question 42 (users): What are the best things about the OASIS system in your opinion?**

<b>Response Text</b>
1 <i>That it is closely linked to the Archaeology Data Service.</i>
2 <i>Setting and maintenance of system based standards.</i>
3 <i>x</i>
4 <i>Being a central hub for projects</i>
5 <i>Easy access to data otherwise either unavailable or very difficult to find</i>
6 <i>That it makes records available. Once I'd had training by the HER the form was quite straight forward</i>
7 <i>Simply the (growing) volume of material it contains.</i>
8 <i>I have no opinion</i>
9 <i>National online system</i>
10 <i>It's pretty much the only central repository we have of ongoing archaeological investigation in England complete with grey literature reports. It feeds into the Excavation Index and NMR, and includes records from the AIP. Now the AIP is being discontinued, the OASIS system is the best method for tracking grey literature production in England.</i>
11 <i>The name. Don't change the name.</i>
12 <i>Searching for any reports in a new area that you may be working in for background research.</i>

**Question 43 (users): What are the worst things about the OASIS system in your opinion?**

#### **Response Text**

- 1 *The commercial/developer centric upload system currently in use.*
- 2 *Variable and occasionally limited functionality.*
- 3 *The length of the submission process. It's difficult to have all of the information at the ready when you begin a submission. Maybe breaking it up so that it can be completed as distinct sections to avoid form fatigue.*
- 4 *No opinion*
- 5 *Not currently flexible enough and more detail / reports required*
- 6 *I needed training to fill in the forms as the HER wanted.*
- 7 *Not a lot*
- 8 *I have no opinion*
- 9 *Delays in HER validation*
- 10 *It would be great to include more types of reporting (specialist reports, building recording, etc) as suggested by one of the earlier questions in the survey.*
- 11 *The colour scheme, it is in a colour range that I cannot see well.*
- 12 *The long form and sometime confusion in creating an Oasis record for upload - puts me off putting reports on Oasis*

**Question 44 (users): Please tell us any changes that would improve the OASIS system for you.**

#### **Response Text**

- 1 *Having additional upload options for different types of user.*
- 2 *Interface improvements and expanded functionality of search directives including the inclusion of the public.*
- 3 *More options for partial submissions. So that we can fill in as we go and save for later. The suggestion of a mobile/tablet app seem a good option for this. Printable forms so that we can do it as a paper exercise as a team (by email) and then collate together? The issue is that no one person knows all of the information, but it is very complicated to have several people filling in one record. As the whole team is never going to be sat around one computer, perhaps this situation can be created by the system instead? A project that multiple users can be invited to and can access?*
- 4 *No opinion*
- 5 *Improved access, content, and search facilities for all users please*
- 6 *Training for all users- would aid uniformity and completion of records*
- 7 *N/A*
- 8 *I have no opinion*
- 9 *Should be easier to complete form - using controlled fields via drop downs etc*
- 10 *Reminder emails when things are not getting signed off/progressed.*
- 11 *Nectar points for every report uploaded.*
- 12 *Simple uploads, with less long forms to fill out please!*

A similar question was also asked as question 32 of the non-users section.

**Question 45 (users): Would you be willing to be contacted further?**

<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
<b>For clarification of any of your answers</b>	100.0%	7
<b>For a short telephone interview (no longer than 20 mins)</b>	14.3%	1
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>7</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>12</b>

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**Section 3: Questions only answered by non-users of the OASIS form**

**Question 10 (non-users): Why don't you use OASIS? (tick all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I didn't know it existed	48.3%	14
I don't know how it works	24.1%	7
I haven't had any training	44.8%	13
The HER hasn't asked me to use it	13.8%	4
I don't have the time	0.0%	0
I don't have a login or have forgotten my login details	3.4%	1
I've tried but it doesn't fit into our workflow	0.0%	0
I've tried but found it too hard to use	0.0%	0
I don't like using internet data entry systems	0.0%	0
I haven't been told that I have to use it so I choose not to	6.9%	2
I don't think it improves the flow of information so why would I use it.	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	31.0%	9
<b>answered question</b>		<b>29</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>

**Other (please specify)**

- 1 *I'm a student, I use OASIS for reference*
- 2 *All of the fieldwork I have ever done has only contributed to a collected work which I suppose is submitted by someone else. I would hope that they use OASIS.*
- 3 *I use it for research, but haven't submitted reports myself*
- 4 *I don't do fieldwork*
- 5 *Haven't needed to use it.*
- 6 *My fieldwork is on other people's sites - I am not involved in post-ex*
- 7 *I haven't had the opportunity to use it to upload works, though there is the possibility of this happening in the future*
- 8 *no applicable*
- 9 *I was not aware that I could use it for conservation projects*

**Question 11 (non-users): Do you refer to research frameworks when undertaking your work?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	51.7%	15
No	48.3%	14
<b>answered question</b>		<b>29</b>



<b>skipped question</b>	<b>1</b>
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This question was also asked as question 15 of the users section.

**Question 12 (non-users): How do you make grey literature reports available to your users (tick all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Online – via links to reports hosted locally i.e. on our organisation's servers/website	17.4%	4
Online – via links to ADS Grey Literature Library	13.0%	3
By email on request	56.5%	13
By post on request	17.4%	4
In person	8.7%	2
Via the HER	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	30.4%	7
<b>answered question</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 17 of the users section.

**Other (please specify)**

1 on my personal website
2 I'm a student, I use OASIS to access grey literature
3 I don't personally create grey literature, I am using it for research purposes
4 Have never done so
5 have never done this
6 I do not use Grey Literature Library as I didnt know it existed
7 N/A

**Question 13 (non-users): Would you like to be able to archive other digital aspects of the projects via OASIS?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No, I've never thought about those options	21.7%	5
Yes, I would like to investigate how that could be achieved	47.8%	11
I'm not sure what you mean	30.4%	7
<b>answered question</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 18 of the users section.

**Question 14 (non-users): How has the availability of grey literature reports online, through libraries such as the ADS Grey Literature Library, affected your work?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Accessing grey literature online has positively affected my work	65.2%	15
Accessing grey literature online has negatively affected my work	0.0%	0
Accessing grey literature online has had no effect on my work	34.8%	8
<b>answered question</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 19 of the users section.

**Question 15 (non-users): Are you aware that OASIS metadata has fed the Geophysical Survey Database since 2011 – formerly the English Heritage Geophysical Survey Database?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	0.0%	0
No	100.0%	23
<b>answered question</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 20 of the users section.

**Question 16 (non-users): Are you aware that each grey literature report is allocated a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) by the ADS? [What is a DOI?]**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No – I didn't know what a DOI was	52.2%	12
No – but I will record them now I do	34.8%	8
Yes – but I don't record the DOI	8.7%	2
Yes – and I use the DOI to link to the report	4.3%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

This question was also asked as question 21 of the users section.

**Question 17 (non-users): Are you aware that users can also upload image archives to OASIS (England only) for deposition in the ADS archive?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	30.4%	7
No	69.6%	16
<b>answered question</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

A similar question was also asked as question 22 of the users section.

**Question 18 (non-users): Are you aware that you can upload a project boundary file to an OASIS project?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	4.3%	1
No	95.7%	22
<b>answered question</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>7</b>

A similar question was also asked as question 23 of the users section.

**Question 19 (non-users): Are you aware that you can download OASIS records in XML or CSV for import into other systems?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	4.8%	1
No	95.2%	20
<b>answered question</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>9</b>

A similar question was also asked as question 24 of the users section.

**Question 20 (non-users): Having read the preceding questions, do you think that your fieldwork should be recorded in the local and national databases (HER, NMR etc) via the OASIS form**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	61.9%	13
No	9.5%	2
Other (please specify)	28.6%	6
<i>answered question</i>		<b>21</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>9</b>

**Other (please specify)**

1 Most of my fieldwork is overseas but I would welcome the opportunity to have work recorded on these systems
2 So long as there isn't duplication of work in the NMRs and OASIS, then yes.
3 Since my primary fieldwork is outside of the UK, no.
4 If this applies to Wales then yes.
5 N/A
6 I do not do fieldwork

**Question 21 (non-users): Tell us about your knowledge of the Forum for Information Standards in Heritage (FISH) interoperability toolkit**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I have never heard of the FISH toolkit	81.0%	17
I am aware of it but have never used it	19.0%	4
I would like to use it but find it too technical	0.0%	0
I already use it	0.0%	0
<i>answered question</i>		<b>21</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>9</b>

This question was also asked as question 25 of the users section.

**Question 22 (non-users): OASIS is occasionally used for building recording. Do you think that OASIS should include a bespoke section to record historic buildings information?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes (record only)	33.3%	7
Yes (record and report)	47.6%	10
No	19.0%	4
Expand further...		4
<i>answered question</i>		<b>21</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>9</b>

This question was also asked as question 28 of the users section.

**Expand further...**

1	<i>I never work with buildings, so I have no opinion on that.</i>
2	<i>Not sure because I have not used OASIS</i>
3	<i>No strong view as I have never used it</i>
4	<i>I can't answer this question as I don't know enough about it.</i>

**Question 23 (non-users): Do you think that OASIS should include a bespoke section to record specialist archaeological information such as pottery or environmental reports etc**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes (record only)	19.0%	4
Yes (record and report)	66.7%	14
No	14.3%	3
Expand further...		3
<b>answered question</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>9</b>

This question was also asked as question 29 of the users section.

**Expand further...**

1	<i>As long as this info can be found, no need to have an extra section for it.</i>
2	<i>NOT SURE SEE ABOVE</i>
3	<i>No strong view as I have never used it</i>

**Question 24 (non-users): Do you think that OASIS should record the full range of event types (from the EH event types thesaurus)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	76.2%	16
No	23.8%	5
Expand further...		4
<b>answered question</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>9</b>

This question was also asked as question 30 of the users section.

**Expand further...**

1	<i>of course, to help people search for specific info</i>
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2	<i>NOT SURE SEE ABOVE</i>
3	<i>No strong view as I have never used it</i>
4	<i>I don't know enough about it to give an answer</i>

**Question 25 (non-users): Do you think the successful transfer of a project archive to a museum and museum curation should be included in the OASIS workflow?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	95.2%	20
No	4.8%	1
Expand further...		3
<i>answered question</i>		<b>21</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>9</b>

This question was also asked as question 32 of the users section.

**Expand further...**

1	<i>not sure, I've not been involved in that step</i>
2	<i>Would it include paradata?</i>
3	<i>I don't know enough about the current process to answer sensibly</i>

**Question 26 (non-users): Would you find it useful to be able to upload your projects in bulk into OASIS from your system (using an API)?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	57.1%	12
No	42.9%	9
<i>answered question</i>		<b>21</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>9</b>

This question was also asked as question 33 of the users section.

**Question 27 (non-users): Do you think that OASIS should be used to enable the upload of 'backlog' grey literature i.e. projects that predate current planning cases?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	85.7%	18
No	9.5%	2
Other (please specify)	4.8%	1
<i>answered question</i>		<b>21</b>

**skipped question**

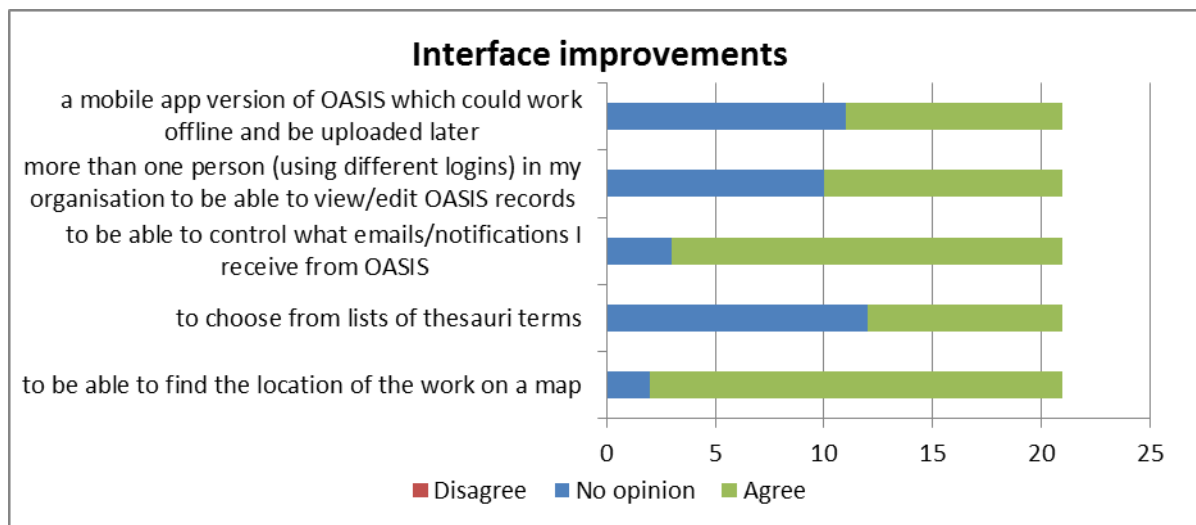
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This question was also asked as question 34 of the users section.

**Other (please specify)**

1 *Don't know enough about what is currently missing*

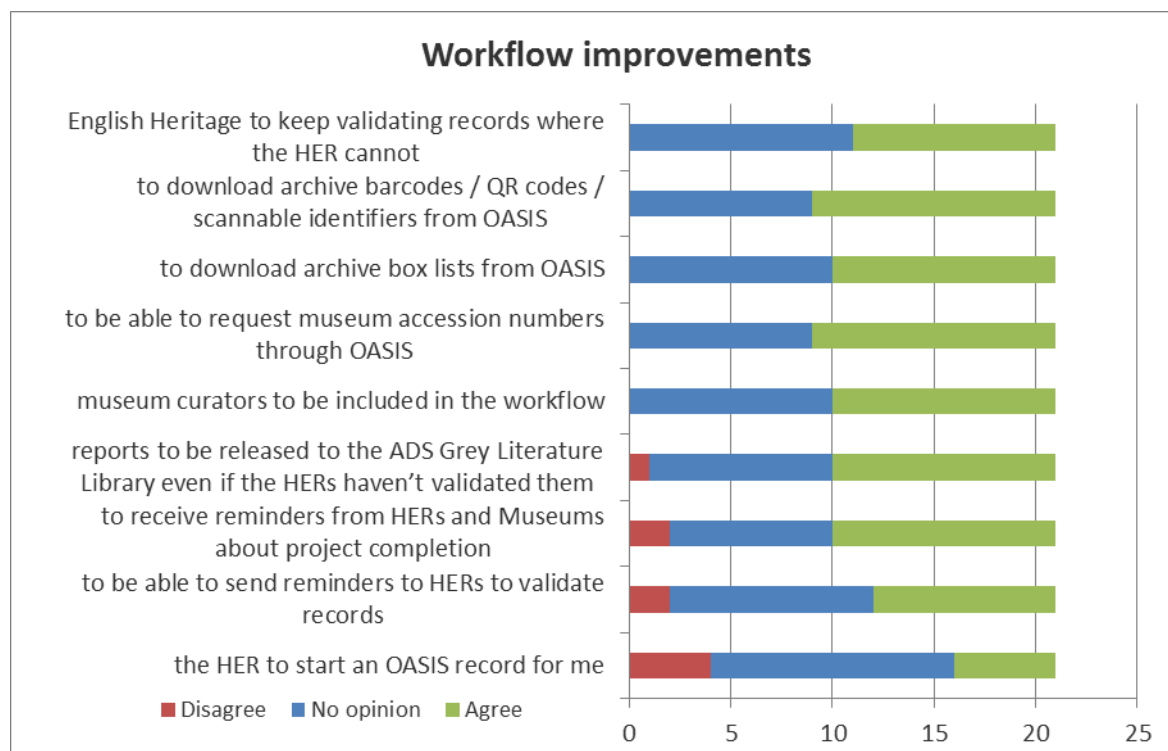
**Question 28 (non-users): You are not a current user of the OASIS system but please comment on these potential INTERFACE improvements to the system I'd like:**



Answer Options	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Response Count
to be able to find the location of the work on a map	19	2	0	21
to choose from lists of thesauri terms	9	12	0	21
to be able to control what emails/notifications I receive from OASIS	18	3	0	21
more than one person (using different logins) in my organisation to be able to view/edit OASIS records	11	10	0	21
a mobile app version of OASIS which could work offline and be uploaded later	10	11	0	21
Other suggestions				0
<b>answered question</b>				<b>21</b>
<b>skipped question</b>				<b>9</b>

A similar question was also asked as question 35 of the users section.

**Question 29 (non-users): You are not a current user of the OASIS system but please comment on these potential WORKFLOW improvements to the system I'd like:**



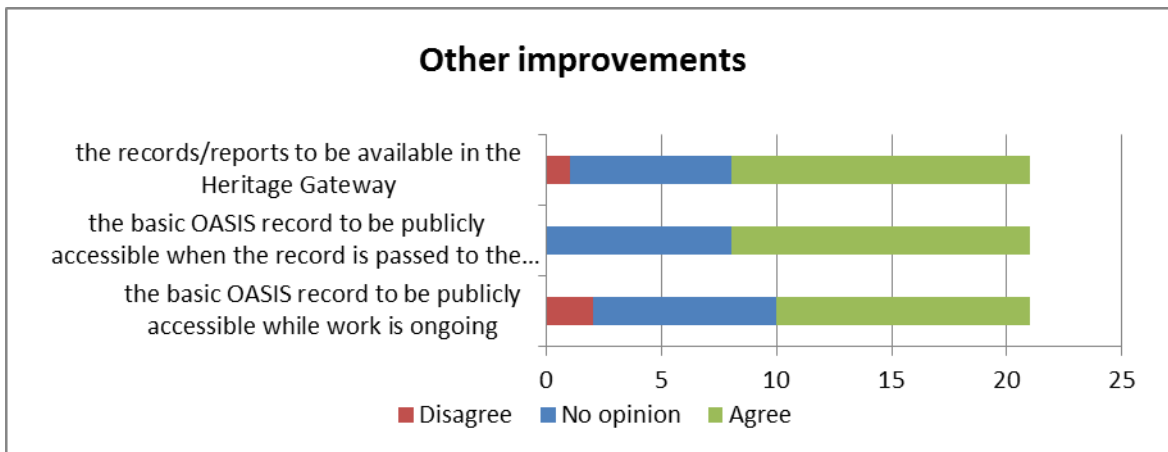
Answer Options	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Response Count
the HER to start an OASIS record for me	5	12	4	21
to be able to send reminders to HERs to validate records	9	10	2	21
to receive reminders from HERs and Museums about project completion	11	8	2	21
reports to be released to the ADS Grey Literature Library even if the HERs haven't validated them	11	9	1	21
museum curators to be included in the workflow	11	10	0	21
to be able to request museum accession numbers through OASIS	12	9	0	21
to download archive box lists from OASIS	11	10	0	21
to download archive barcodes / QR codes / scannable identifiers from OASIS	12	9	0	21
English Heritage to keep validating records where the HER	10	11	0	21



cannot				
<b>Other suggestions</b>				0
<b>answered question</b>				21
<b>skipped question</b>				9

A similar question was also asked as question 36 of the users section.

**Question 30 (non-users): You are not a current user of the OASIS system but please comment on these potential other improvements to the system I'd like:**



Answer Options	Agree	No opinion	Disagree	Response Count
the basic OASIS record to be publicly accessible while work is ongoing	11	8	2	21
the basic OASIS record to be publicly accessible when the record is passed to the HER for validation	13	8	0	21
the records/reports to be available in the Heritage Gateway	13	7	1	21
<b>Other suggestions</b>				1
<b>answered question</b>				21
<b>skipped question</b>				9

A similar question was also asked as question 37 of the users section.

**Other suggestions**

1 Records being available in Heritage Gateway would be good. Perhaps a link of some kind to the records would be just as useful if Heritage Gateway cannot handle the data themselves. An OASIS ID is usually there somewhere but the more information available and the easier it is to access the better.

**Question 31 (non-users): Keeping in touch about OASIS – we are trying to keep you up to date about OASIS, how can we best do that? (Tick all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Emails to OASIS email lists	61.9%	13
OASIS Blog	33.3%	7
Facebook	33.3%	7
Twitter	28.6%	6
Traditional publications	19.0%	4
The OASIS website	52.4%	11
A bi-annual survey	23.8%	5
Other (please specify)	4.8%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>9</b>

This question was also asked as question 39 of the users section.

**Other (please specify)**

1	<i>I do not wish to be kept up to date with OASIS</i>
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**Question 32 (non-users): Have you had any training in OASIS?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	0.0%	0
No	100.0%	21
<b>answered question</b>		<b>21</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>9</b>

A similar question was also asked as question 40 of the users section.

**Question 33 (non-users): What training would you like to be available for OASIS?**

**(Tick all that apply)**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I would use online training videos	57.1%	12
I would like group workshops	42.9%	9
I would like individual training sessions	9.5%	2
I would like a manual available to download	66.7%	14
I would like a telephone/email helpdesk available	42.9%	9
Other (please specify)	9.5%	2
<b>answered question</b>		<b>21</b>

<b>skipped question</b>	<b>9</b>
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This question was also asked as question 41 of the users section.

### **Other (please specify)**

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|---|---|
| 1 | <i>No specific training</i>                     |
| 2 | <i>I do not want to be trained to use OASIS</i> |

**Question 32 (non-users): The OASIS system allows heritage information to flow between interested parties in the heritage sector. Please tell us what you think the OASIS system could do to further this aim in your area.**

### **Response Text**

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|----|---|
| 1  | <i>organise an annual conference / networking event, or maybe local events / local group meet-ups</i>   |
| 2  | <i>No opinion</i>   |
| 3  | <i>I am a student and I only use OASIS to access information that I need for research. Maybe if your online visibility was greater it could help other people in the same situation as myself. It would be useful to be able to find things like site records on here using a search engine.</i>      |
| 4  | <i>Consolidate information from different sources</i>   |
| 5  | <i>N/A</i>  |
| 6  | <i>I do not know enough about it to be able to comment further.</i>   |
| 7  | <i>I work outside of Britain, so have no specific recommendations.</i>  |
| 8  | <i>Be more present</i>  |
| 9  | <i>By the sounds of it, this would be an excellent tool to use in university classrooms in order to give students an idea of the range of projects that are happening and also the full measure of steps that are involved in any given heritage project.</i>   |
| 10 | <i>Nothing</i>  |
| 11 | <i>I have not used this resource previously, therefore I have no comment.</i>   |
| 12 | <i>The efficiency of information flow is essential for a successful system</i>  |
| 13 | <i>No strong view as I have never used it</i>   |
| 14 | <i>No opinion.</i>  |
| 15 | <i>Unsure at this stage.</i>  |
| 16 | <i>-</i>  |
| 17 | <i>I think it would be quite helpful if the records on ADS matched up with those on Pastscape, at the moment certain details are available on both pages but it is not obvious at first that they are the same site in question, could the two work more closely making research slightly easier?</i> |
| 18 | <i>As I haven't heard much about Oasis as a PhD student, I think postgraduate training would be ideal.</i>  |
| 19 | <i>Don't know</i>   |
| 20 | <i>.</i>  |
| 21 | <i>Connect up with HLF-funded community projects - so many of these generate literature and archives which slip through the cracks in the system.</i>   |

A similar question was also asked as question 44 of the users section.

## **Appendix 2: Telephone Interviews**

Only one academic from the 25 who started the survey offered to do a telephone interview.

### **Interview 1: University lecturer – OASIS non-user**

The interviewee does not currently do fieldwork in the UK and had not previously heard of OASIS and so had never used it. They would not routinely report fieldwork to the HER if working in the UK. They believe that there needs to be better publicity of the system within the academic sector, that the system is a good one as it collects and archives reports which would not otherwise be easily available and that more people should use it. They are of the opinion that HER validation should be bypassed if it delays availability of the report but that the lack of validation should be noted.

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