**Appendix A – Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers Application to create an LGA Special Interest Group (SIG)**

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| **Name of SIG** | Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers  |
| **Purpose of the SIG** | To represent archaeology within local authorities and national parks. ALGAO has four key objectives:* To provide a strong voice for local authority historic environment services and promote these within local government to strengthen and develop their role within local government in delivering local, regional and national government policy.
* To ensure that local government historic environment services are included within policy (national, regional and local) for culture and education.
* To ensure that policy aims to improve the sustainable management of the historic environment.
* To promote development of high standards in the historic environment profession.

We feel that SIG status will strengthen our current working relationship with the LGA and help raise the profile of ALGAO objectives within local government. |
| **Nature of the common feature or interest**  | Provision of archaeological advice in relation to land use and change. Maintenance of Historic Environment Records. |
| **Authorities who have committed to join the SIG**  | ALGAO England Executive Committee currently has members representing Cambridgeshire County Council (CC), Essex CC, Gloucestershire CC, Kent CC, Northumbria National Park, Nottinghamshire CC, Reading Borough Council, Salford City Council and Warwickshire CC. The association currently has 89 members in England most of whom are employed by local authorities. Full list of current members (UK wide) is available at <https://www.algao.org.uk/membership> Membership of ALGAO is restricted to officers who have been nominated by the authority, usually by their director level line manager, together with either their job description or confirmation that they are the senior person providing archaeological advice. Local authorities get archaeological advice in a variety of ways e.g. shared services, externally hosted bodies and trusts. Therefore not all ALGAO members are employed by the local authorities to whom they give advice. Most members give advice to more than one LPA. |
| **Lead Authority** | Authority of the lead contact (chair of ALGAO) is currently Cambridgeshire County Council |
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