



Making Heritage Work

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Dear Sirs

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The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) is the professional body of the United Kingdom representing conservation specialists and historic environment practitioners in the public and private sectors. The Institute exists to establish the highest standards of conservation practice, to support the effective protection and enhancement of the historic environment, and to promote heritage-led regeneration and access to the historic environment for all.

Thank you for inviting us to participate in this consultation. We would like to comment on the issues raised in Question 2.

At paragraph 2.1, the fifth goal is set out as "improve quality of life for transport users and non-transport users". This goal is reflected in Table 3.1 in several places with the challenge "minimize the impacts of transport on the natural environment, heritage and landscape and seek solutions that deliver long-term environmental benefits".

We are pleased to see that heritage is mentioned as a component of the strategy, but we have reservations as to whether this truly satisfies the requirements set out in paragraph 3.2. It seems to us that it is relatively easy to give a commitment to quantifiable indicators, as this paragraph does, but harder to deliver in the way envisaged in section 5. There are, however, established methods of doing this and Institute would like to see the Government commit itself to formal environmental impact assessment for all significant projects within the text of the Strategy.

Yours faithfully

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