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Dear Madam

### **PLANNING PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS: A NEW WAY TO MANAGE LARGE-SCALE MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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.

The Institute welcomes the opportunity to comment.

The Institute welcomes the proposals for Planning Performance Agreements. It believes that the disciplines involved in their use will aid the proper evaluation of heritage issues and be helpful to those advising on applications as well as the principal parties.

The Institute is concerned that the threshold (which inevitably must be set somewhere) may lead to the assumption that the ATLAS best practice is not applicable, proportionately, to smaller schemes. The Institute would wish to see the principles inherent in PPAs applied to the smallest scale believed feasible and for any guidance to make this clear.

We would be grateful if these comments could be taken into account.

Yours faithfully

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