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Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EIA REGULATIONS**

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 on the consultation.

The Institute supports the proposed amendments, but has one concern about the extent to which issues identified under the proposals can be reflected in permissions. There is a planning principle that requires decisions on Reserved Matters applications to have taken into account only issues connected with the matters reserved. It is not clear from the consultation how matters arising from EIA at Reserved Matters stage, not directly connected with any reserved matter, might influence the decision through conditions or otherwise. In our view, the effects of the judgments referred to in the consultation require this.

Yours faithfully

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