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Dear Sir

Consultation Draft of Revised Circular on CPOs

I refer to the consultation on the above.

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation is the professional institute, representing conservation professionals in the public and private sectors in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. It has around fourteen hundred members divided between fourteen branches. The Institute exists to establish the highest standards of conservation practice and to support the effective protection and enhancement of the historic environment.

The IHBC welcomes the content of the revised circular, in as far as it goes. However, it is important to acknowledge the issues not dealt with by the revised guidance. In particular, the historic environment issues raised in our representation of 14th January 2002 have not been addressed (a copy of this letter is attached).

There must be an acknowledgement in Paragraph 53 that if an owner has been deliberately neglectful of a listed building, the provisions of S.50 of the 1990 Act would apply. But whilst owners who deliberately allowed a property to deteriorate would not qualify for payments, presumably the occupiers would? Clarification is required.

As stated in the previous letter, it would be useful to arrange a meeting with you in conjunction with the other statutory bodies concerned with the historic environment to see how historic environment concerns might be addressed. In particular we consider it would be help if representatives of English Heritage; the Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies; The Architectural Heritage Fund; and the Association of Preservation Trust were involved.

I trust that the above comments are helpful.

Yours faithfully

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