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Dear Ms Morley

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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 have no objection, in principle, to the proposals. However we constantly have our attention drawn to poorly reinstated surfacing to which permits apply in areas of historic paving materials, such as cobbles and setts and areas where expensive townscape improvements have taken place. Whilst proper reinstatement is one of the primary objectives of the provision, neither the Regulations nor the Guidance seems to deal with ensuring that such eventualities are properly covered as they deal mainly with structural stability and safety.

So, while the proposals are unlikely to affect this issue significantly, it does remove a tier of potential control for which there is no apparent replacement. This could be achieved through a review of the Guidance and we would appreciate your passing this point to the appropriate section of your Department.

Yours sincerely

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