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Dear Ms Patel

**PLANNING ACT 2008 - CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SUITE OF GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS FOR THE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING REGIME**

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 wish to comment on only one of the consultation questions.

**Consultation question 5:**

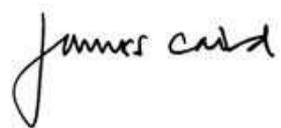
**Is the range of associated development allowed to be consented in principle as part of a DCO appropriate?**

The Institute thinks that addition should be made to the the range of associated development given in the annex to the Guidance on Associated Development at paragraph 18 of that document. The following should be added to the the list headed "Development undertaken for the purpose of mitigating impacts":

- works to mitigate impacts on statutory or non-statutory sites or features of the historic environment.

The suggested wording follows that of Regulation 5(2)(m) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 which requires assessment of such impacts. The Institute thinks it is appropriate that the Guidance should recognize the importance given by the Regulations to such matters by specifically allowing schemes of mitigation.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Caird". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

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